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YELLOW TAXIE TOKENS FROM KETCHIKAN

Henry C. Keene, Jr.

During a recent visit, a friend who specializes in transportation tokens asked me about two "Yellow Taxie" tokens I had had in my collection for some years. My inability to answer his questions piqued my curiosity and resulted in my searching for the answers.

I located the widow of the owner of the Yellow Taxi and received a certified statement from her regarding the tokens. Mrs. Delores Churchill stated that her husband, Allen "Red" Churchill had operated the Yellow Taxi Co. in Ketchikan, Alaska, from about 1955 until his death in 1976. He had used tokens in his business in the early 1960's. There were two plastic tokens used, a blue 50¢ and a black \$1.00.

These tokens were used as an incentive to get people to use the Yellow Taxi. They were given to regular customers after they had ridden the Yellow Taxi a number of times as an incentive to get them to use the Yellow Taxi the next time.

The word "taxi" was misspelled "taxie" on the tokens for a definite purpose. Although Mr. Churchill called his company Yellow Taxi, it was not affiliated with the nationally franchised Yellow Cab or Yellow Taxi. In order not to conflict with the national franchise, the word taxi was purposely misspelled.



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For those who have not yet subscribed for 1982, the time is now. This will be your last issue unless a subscription is received. To subscribe, use the blank attached to the last page of this issue. Or send us an article. The truth be known, we'd rather have the article.

EDITORIAL

With this issue we begin the 3rd volume of ATC&PN. If it weren't for you, the readers, this would have flopped after 2 or 3 issues. Thanks must be extended for your support.

We were on the verge of running out of publishable material a number of times, only to be bailed out by our contributing authors. Without you, this would be a very dull publication. A special thanks to all who have contributed in the past, and to Henry C. Keene, Jr. of Ketchikan for his article this month.

For those who have already subscribed for 1982, thank you. For those who have not, this is your last issue. If you chose not to subscribe, please drop us a note in the mail with your reasons. If you can make suggestions that we can use, or changes we can incorporate, you will receive a free year's subscription.

What is in store for this year? Next month will be an article on local currency issues and related items. For later in the year, we are working on a listing of Fairbanks wooden nickels and dollars. New issues (and where to get them when known) will be noted, as will the newly discovered tokens. Anything on Polar Numismatics that we can dig up will appear.

Finally, a plea for contributors of articles. If it is one page in length, you'll get a year's subscription. Other, shorter articles will receive a suitable number of free issues. So take a few minutes and share your knowledge.

The Arctic Winter Games will be held in Fairbanks, March 14-19. We will bring you a report on the games, and a full report of any numismatic issues related to them

DAWSON SHRINERS PARADE BADGE

The Shriners parade badge needs further description. The article was prepared in haste, and we did not give any particulars on the badge. (ATC&PN- 11/81).

It is illustrated at approximate actual size. The sword is 55mm long. The pan is 38mm in diameter. The overall length is 78mm.

The sword and the cresent and star are brass. The arms of the cresent are enamelled white, and the star is painted red. The gold pan is silver in color, with gold color in the bottom of the pan to represent placer gold. The cap in the center of the pan is enamelled red, with black enamelled tassle, and white enamelled sword, star and cresent. The back of the pan has the big dipper and the north star, and "Dawson, Yukon." The manufacturers, Whitehead and Hoag, Newark, N.J. are also noted. The Manufacturer is also noted on the back of the star and cresent.

Gary Patterson, of Toms River, NJ, collector of Whitehead and Hoag items, informs us that they would make as few of the items as the organization wanted. If the organization had 47 members and wanted 47 pieces made, W&H would do it. Other manufacturers had minimums. If 100 pieces were ordered, the price was \$2 each, if Whitehead & Hoag's name appeared on the medal. The price would jump to \$4 each if the name were not allowed to be on there.

FARES TO UP IN FAIRBANKS AGAIN!

10 TOKENS \$750

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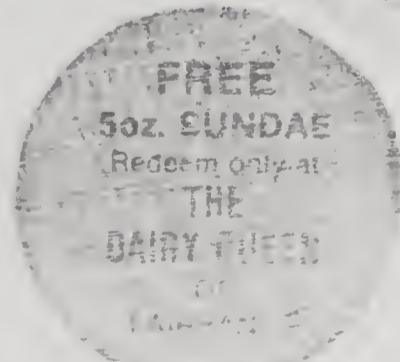
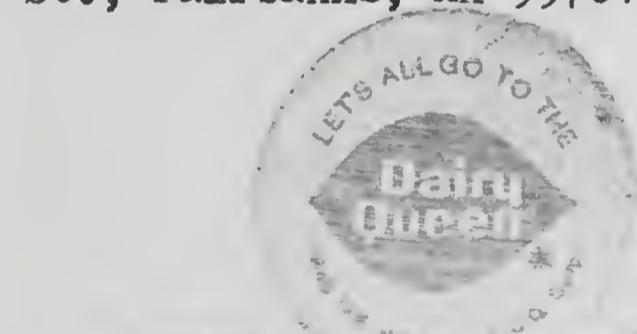
FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Anchorage Fur Factory, Special visitor discount. Wood, red ink.



FAIRBANKS: Barnette Elementary School. Christmas Bazaar, 1981. White on red plastic. 2nd year of issue, 1st year is not available. 1981 issue is \$1 plus SASE (20¢ to Canadian addresses) from Barnette Elem. School, Barnette St., Fairbanks, AK 99701



FAIRBANKS: Dairy Queen, Free 5oz. Sundae. Two different reverse printings. Red ink on wood. These are given as "rain checks" with the "Full Meal Deal" if the buyer does not want the sundae at that time.



EYAK, ALASKA: B.N. & CO., 12½¢ I/T. 21mm, brass. (Lew Egnew)



NOME: Breakers, 12½¢ I/T. Believed to be from Nome. There are other "Breakers" tokens from both Seattle and Breakers, WA. The reverse die seems to be used only on Alaska or Washington tokens, and is fairly early, at least not as recent as the Breakers tokens of Seattle. The reverse is the same reverse as Anchorage B-16B. (Lew Egnew).



NOME: Lomen Brand Reindeer. Lomenized Alaska. Some sort of metal tag, similar to the Metallic ID Chits listed in Benice-Ak Tokens, page 193. If anyone has any information on this one, please contact Lew Egnew, P.O. Box 123, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Lew did not mention but we believe it is brass. It is uniface with raised (not incuse) lettering.

G.F. MAYHOOD

In our issue of Dec., 1979, we featured a token from Fairbanks issued by G.F. Mayhood. We have been doing a bit of research on Dawson tokens, and in the Dawson Daily News of Dec. 10, 1904 is the South Dawson Voting List, a George F. Mayhood is listed as a merchant. Did George move on to booming Fairbanks?



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COLLECTORS' ALERT

MORE RESTRIKES MADE OF OLD ISSUES OF TRADE DOLLARS

BY JERRY REMICK

On December 4th, 1981, I received John Cheramy's December 1981 price list which contained a new batch of restrikes of Canadian trade dollars minted by Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver from original dies. I believe some medallions were also restruck. Most of the issues of trade dollars were struck on thick shiny, 39mm, brass planchets, but ten issues were struck on thick silver-plated planchets. The originals were all struck on much thinner planchets (mostly brass) and lack the brilliant shiny brass surface of the restrikes.

One of the restrikes is the extremely rare 1975 Whitehorse silver anniversary trade dollar which is now available in restruck form in both brass and silver-plated. The original was available only in silver-plated bronze. Only 500 originals were struck and most of them were given to VIPs. This and the 1975 Inuvik trade dollar are probably the rarest in the series. The chances of any collector getting an original 1975 Whitehorse silver anniversary dollar are very slim.

The Scarce 1961 Victoria County (Lindsay, Ont.) centennial trade dollar is also available in brass. Originals of this 36mm trade dollar were struck in copper and are bringing upwards of \$20.

These new restrikes will in no way lower the value of the original specimens as fortunately it is easy to distinguish the originals from the restrikes by the thickness of the planchet. However, the great danger lies in the restrikes being sold as originals by those not familiar with the originals and restrikes, and also in new collectors accepting them as originals. For this reason, while I am not in favor of restrikes, if they must be made, I hope that the word "RESTRIKE" or an "R" can be engraved on the die from which they are made.

Unfortunately Pandora's Box has now been opened. Any of our private mints can restrike any trade dollar, medallion or token for which they still retain the dies. If this practice continues, it is going to make it very confusing to tell the originals from the restrikes. This could cause many collectors and dealers to leave the field of Trade dollars, medals and tokens. Over a decade ago, the mints in India restruck a great many coins in proof condition beginning with those dating as far back as 1835. This killed the India series, and it has never recovered even though the restrikes are not difficult to tell from the originals.

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RESTIKES (cont.)

John Cheramy, Box 5214 Sta. B, Victoria, BC, Canada V8R 6N4 offers a group of 25 restrikes for \$50 plus postage. Of the known restrikes, 3 are from Alberta, 14 from B.C., 3 from Ontario, and 8 from Sask.

Other restrikes of interest to the readers of ATC&PN, on the same thick shiny brass planchets, 39mm are as follows. These were first available July, 1981: Labrador City, NFLD, 1974 and Whitehorse, Y.T. 1969, 1970 and 1971. All Whitehorse restrikes were made from a die for the shield of arms side that was not used on the originals. These restrikes are easily distinguishable by the dash appearing in the "5-0" of the date at the right hand side of the shield; the dash between the two numerals does not appear on the originals. The 1969 "no airplane" type was not restuck. All restrikes have the airplane. The originals of all of the above were struck on considerably thinner brass planchets. All originals and restrikes were made by Pressed Metal Products, Vancouver.

Other nickel-silver restrikes were made as early as late 1980 or early 1981. None of these are in the polar (Yukon or NWT) regions.

In closing it should be noted that it is the policy of the Royal Canadian Mint and the Sherritt Mint not to make restrikes. The Sherritt Mint now produces nearly 75% to 80% of the trade dollars issued yearly.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: After writing this article, Alan Trammell, owner of Pressed Metal Products wrote me stating that he regretted the restrikes were disturbing the hobby and that no more would be made. He promised a detailed listing of all that were made and the number struck. Most were in very small quantity.

-Jerry Remick

EDITORIAL

We are indeed indebted to Jerry Remick for this "Extra" edition of ATC&PN. We felt that this was something that would not wait until the March issue, as the February issue was ready to go to press when this arrived.

Restrikes are always a fear in Numismatics. Whenever a small hoard of previously scarce tokens come onto the market, and they look brand-spanking-new, the thought of a re-strike has to come to mind. The hoard is probably legitimate, but the suspicion remains.

The only restrikes that we know of in the Alaskan token series is the Channel Bus Line from Juneau. Some of these are marked with an "R".

The Canteen Bar from Anchorage has been reproduced, but with no apparent intent to defraud. Both obverse and reverse dies are different from the original. The originals have a strait base on the 2 in 12, whereas the reproductions have a curved base.

Tokens have been spared the skills of the counterfeiter. There was little monetary incentive to "fake" a token. But this may have changed. The Forrest Dunham auction in Seattle brought some healthy prices. So the skillful faker can turn a small piece of brass or aluminum into \$200 or \$300 or more. This is reason to be concerned.

Let the buyer beware, but also let the buyer be educated.

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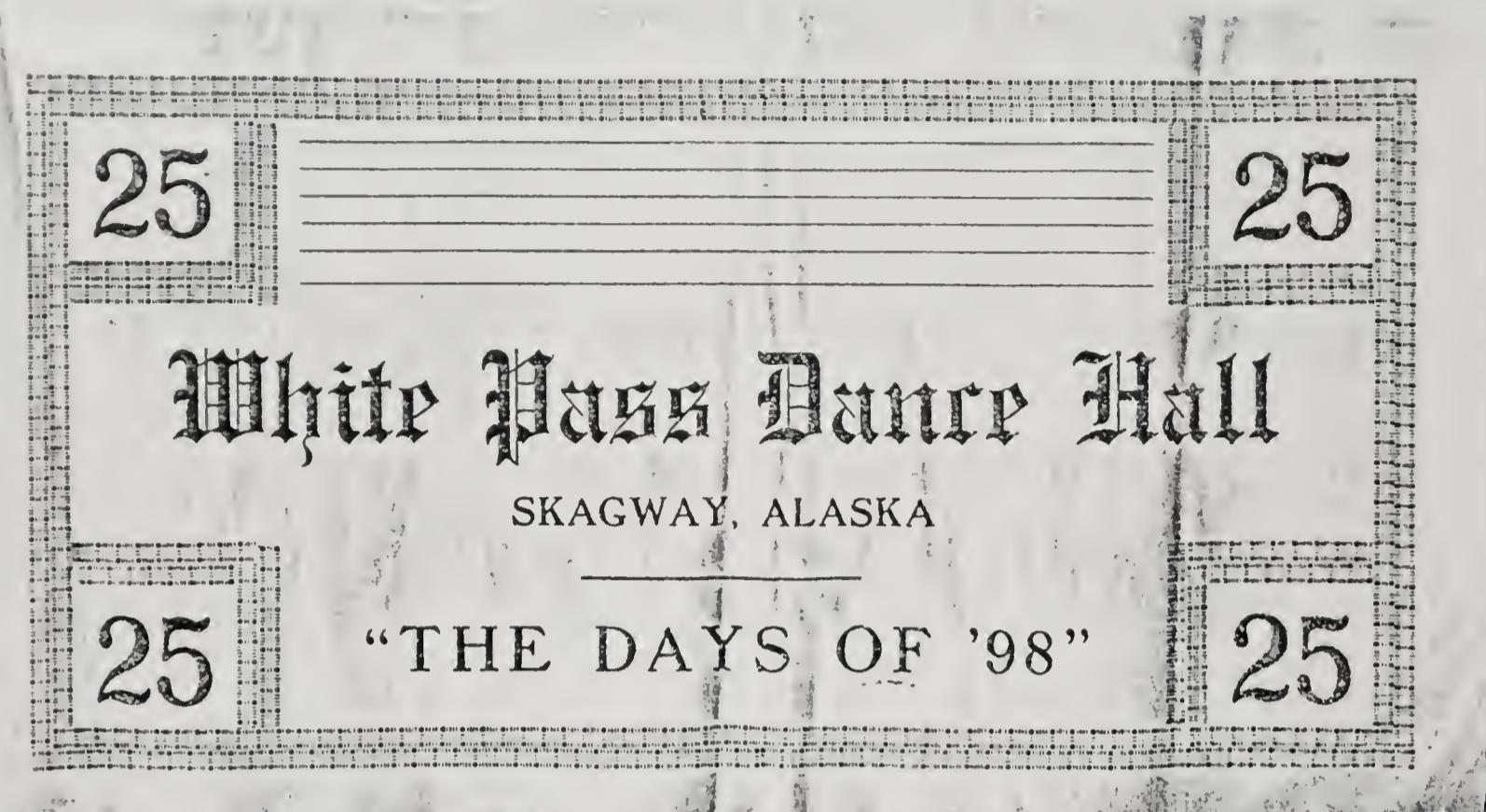
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SKAGWAY "DAYS OF '98" DANCE HALL MONEY

Many towns and cities have a yearly celebration. Fairbanks has its "Golden Days". Others have an "Old Home Week" and my home town has a "Yankee Homecoming". In Skagway, it was appropriately named "Days of '98".

Many celebrations would include a mock gambling hall, in recognition of the town's more (generally) rowdy past. No actual money is allowed at the tables. For the purpose of gambling, special "money" is issued. As can be seen on page 6, the Dance Hall money of Skagway could be purchased at the rate of 1¢ for \$1 of Dance Hall money. With payment of admission, each person would also receive \$50 in Dance Hall money.

The three pieces illustrated with this article appear to be from two different issues, possibly three. Skip Myler reports having a \$5 and \$20 to go with the \$10 illustrated. The \$50 may also be from the same series. The \$25 illustrated was found attached to the advertising sheet, so it probably was issued for the celebration held in 1927, (page 6).

Other notes were issued in various places in Alaska. Some were in connection with local celebrations, and others were issued by organizations such as the Pioneers of Alaska, Eagles, and American Legion.

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EDITORIAL

Subscriptions are trickling in slowly. Have no fear. We are committed to publishing in 1982.

Most comments received have been positive. One person was disappointed. Those who have not re-subscribed must also have been. This is unfortunate, but we will try to do better.

Now, to blow our own horn. We scooped Bank Note Reporter (a Krause publication) with our article on the Jason Islands notes. The BNR article is trying to figure out where the islands are, and even speculate that "a private citizen, company or group have bought an island and turned it into a resort area, with possibly a gambling resort as the major attraction." Some how, I don't think, the Jason Islands in the Falkland Islands, would qualify as a resort!

Some have asked when our next price list will be issued. We are shooting for April. If we are not too busy, may get it out sooner.

ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

The A.W.G. will be held in Fairbanks March 14-19. Participants will be from AK, Yukon, and Northwest Terr.



The two pins are official pins issued by the A.W.G. Committee. They are available from N.S.A., Inc. for \$6 for the pair, plus SASE.

Any other issues like these will be noted in future issues of ATC&PN.

The pins are yellow, blue, and gold.

BOOK REVIEW

Fairbanks-A Pictorial History, by Claus-M. Naske and Ludwig J. Rowinski, 1981. 200 pages.

This book was released just before Christmas. It provided many Fairbanksans with the ideal Christmas present for that hard to buy for person.

As the title implies, the book is illustrated throughout. The text serves as brief history of Fairbanks. The photos provide a visual image to supplement and enlarge the mental image of the text.

The photos were obtained from several sources. Many are on file at the University of Alaska Library Archives. Others are in the files of the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner. And still others are to be found only in family albums and private collections.

The history of Fairbanks is divided into four parts:

- I- Gold Rush Town 1902-1913
- II- Growing and Changing 1914-1940
- III- World War II and the Post War Years 1941-1966
- IV- The Oil Years 1967-1981

These divisions show the progression of Fairbanks from what it was to what it has become.

Of particular interest to token collectors are the photos of the downtown area showing the hotels, bars, and other issuers of tokens. A quick glance shows the Nordale Hotel, the Pioneer Hotel, the North Pole Bakery, and the Model Cafe. Unfortunately, we moved onto 2nd Ave after the photo showing the North American Dog Sled Races in downtown in 1978.

The first edition of the book was available only from Mt. McKinley Mutual Savings Bank. This edition was limited to 3500 numbered copies, and was available only to depositors at the bank.

-Dick Hanscom

"The Days of '98"

To Be Given Under The Auspices of the Skagway Hockey and Curling Club

DANCING, ROULETTE, BLACK JACK, POKER, FARO, CRAPS, HONEST JOHN; BAR, PROSPECTORS, MINERS, GIRLS -- EVERYTHING THAT GOES TO MAKE UP THE REAL OLD DANCE HALL OF THE DAYS OF THE STAMPEDE OVER THE CHILKOOT TRAIL WILL BE PUT ON AT THE WHITE PASS ATHLETIC CLUB HALL on WEDNESDAY EVENING, August 19, 1927.

No real money will be allowed on the tables; but you can buy all the green, pink, or yellow backs you need from the Cashier at the bar--a dollar for a cent--and gamble your head off. The sky is the limit.

The gambling will not interfere with the dancing, nor with those who wish to put their foot on the rail and partake of liquid refreshment between dances.

The "SHOOTING of DAN McGREW" will be enacted by a selected troupe at 11 pm

COME AND HAVE A GOOD TIME AND SEE SOME OF THE ORIGINAL OLD-TIME DEALERS BACK IN THEIR PLACES FOR THIS NIGHT ONLY.

Prizes will be offered for the following:

THE BEST LADY'S COSTUME TYPICAL OF THE DAYS OF '98
(Prize will not be awarded unless five or more are in costume.)

VISITOR WINNING LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY DURING EVENING--Lady or Gentleman.

SKAGWAY RESIDENT WINNING LARGEST AMOUNT OF MONEY DURING EVENING--Lady or Gentleman.

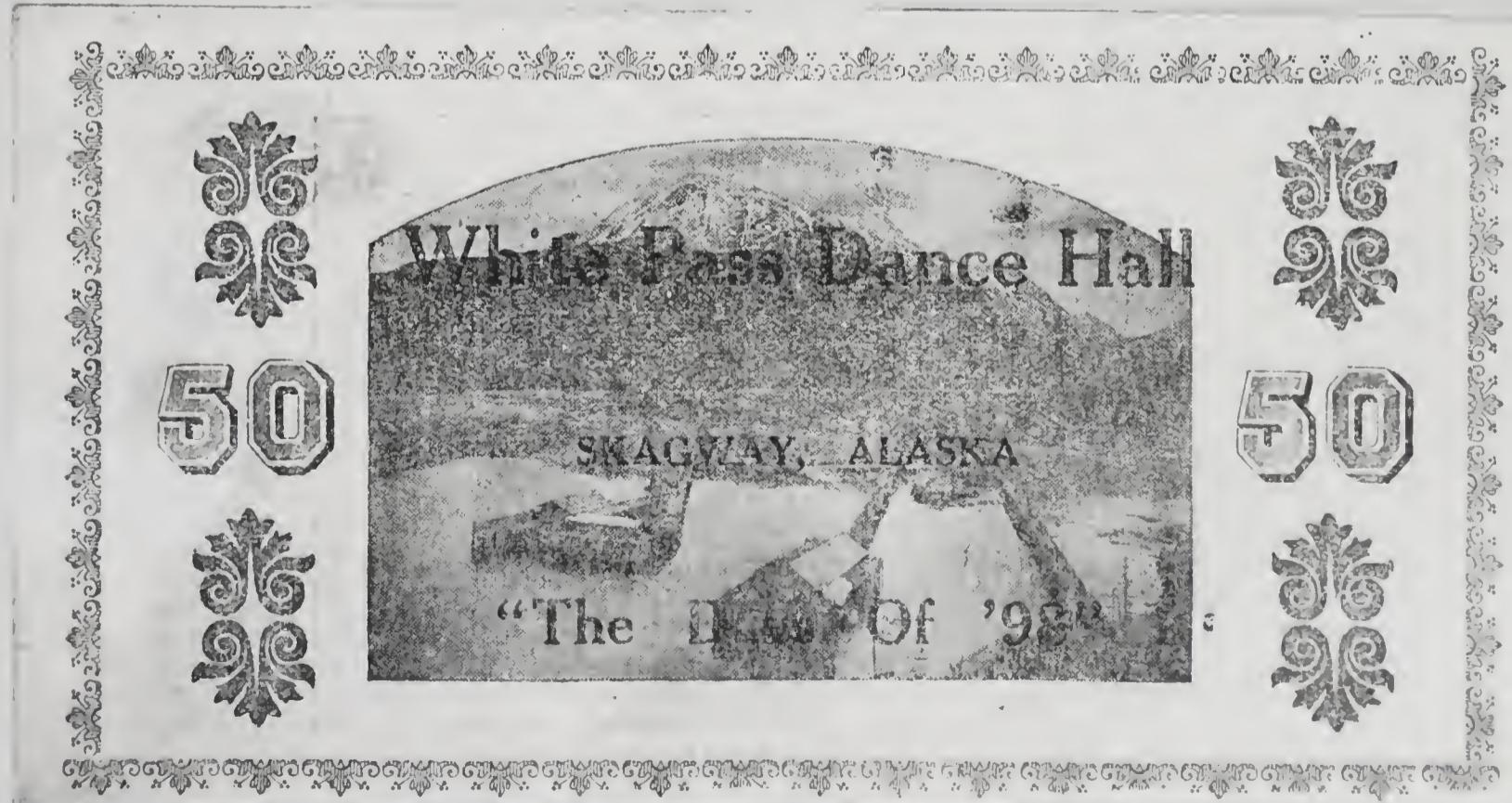
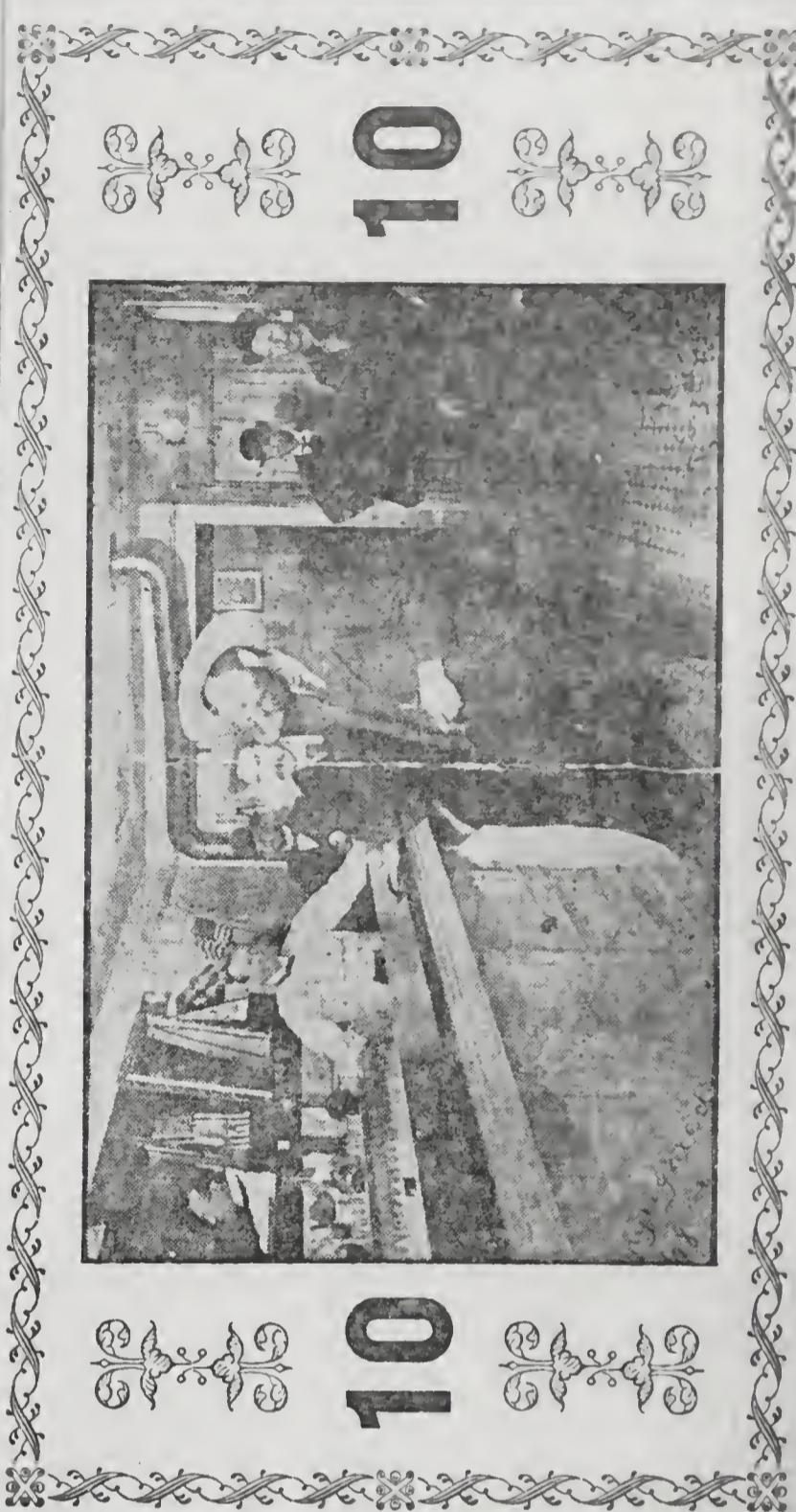
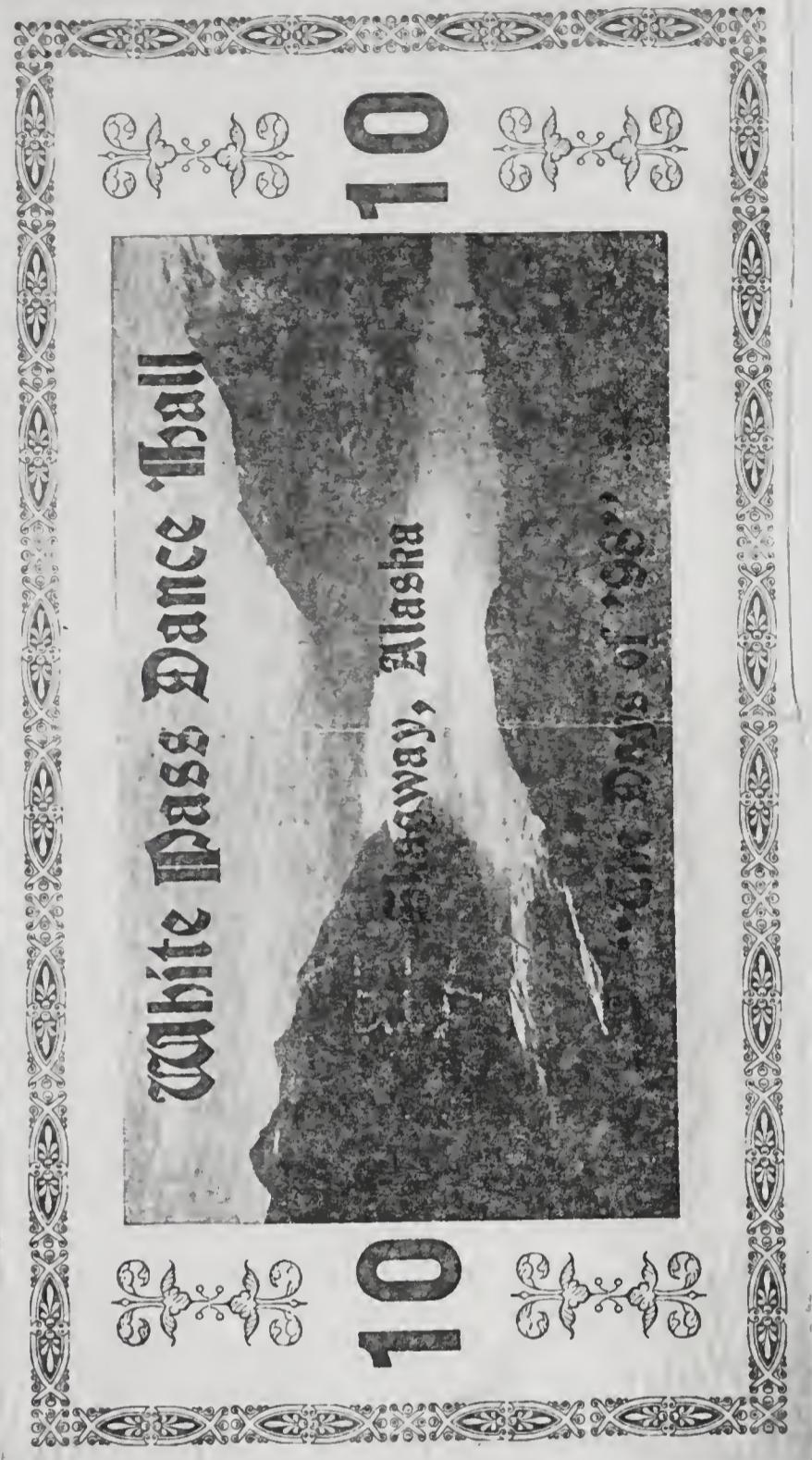
ADMISSION: Gentlemen, \$1.00 For which each person
Ladies.... .50 will be given \$50.00
Children.. .50 in Dance Hall money

HOB-NAILED SHOES & HOOTCH ARE THE ONLY THINGS BARRED.

August 10, 1927

9 p.m.

Skagway, Alaska



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Description of Skagway Notes.

\$10 note, 160mm x 86. Tan paper, Blue printing. Orange underprint beneath W.P.D.H. Obverse shows view of Skagway, reverse Soapy Smith at the bar.

\$25 note 159 x 84mm. Other information unknown.

\$50 note 163mm x 84mm. Pink paper, blue printing. Pink underprint beneath W.P.D.H.. Obverse shows Skagway docks, reverse shows Soapy Smith at the bar.

Upon further examination, the \$10 and the \$50 do not appear to be of the same series. The paper on the \$50 is much lighter than on the \$10 and the sizes are different

----- ARCADE CIGAR STORE, OLNES, AK.

Discovered along with the Fairview Hotel tokens of Fairbanks were these fragments of a cardboard token. These fragments represent parts of at least five tokens.

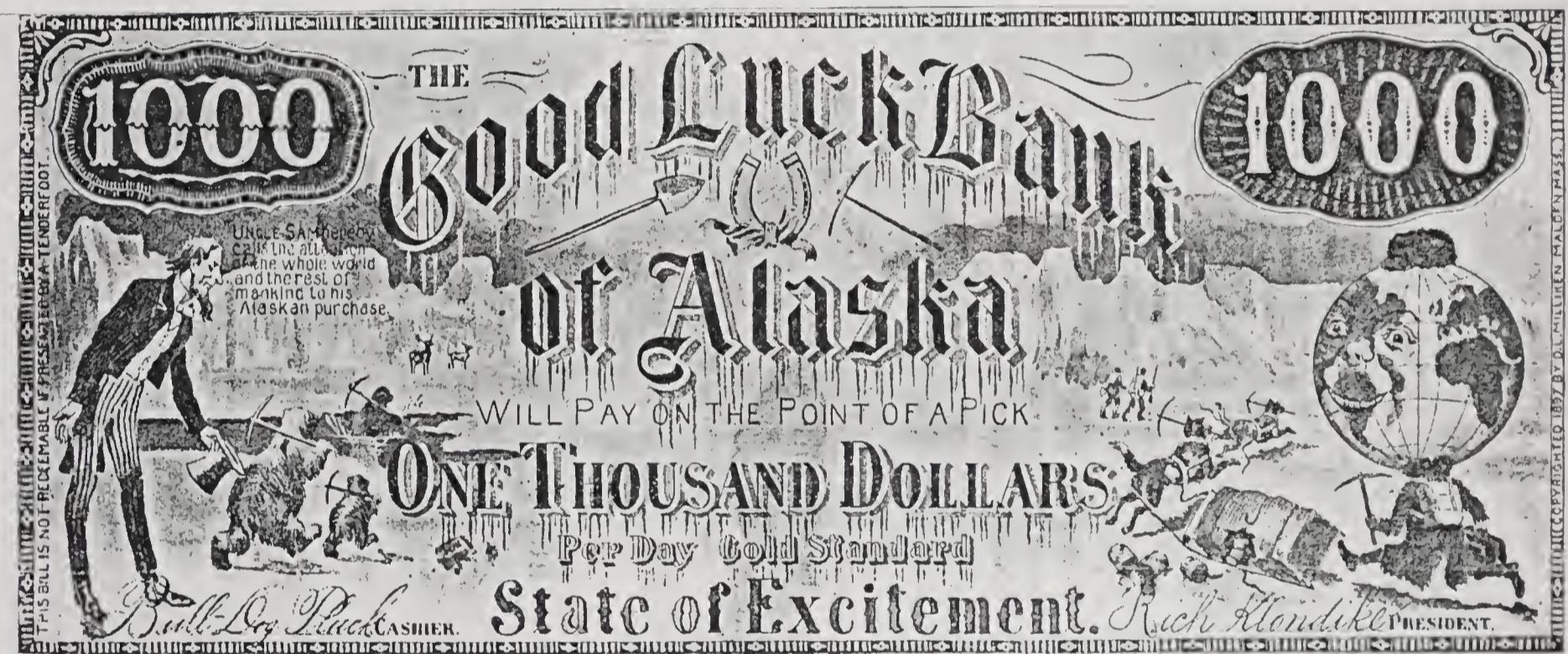
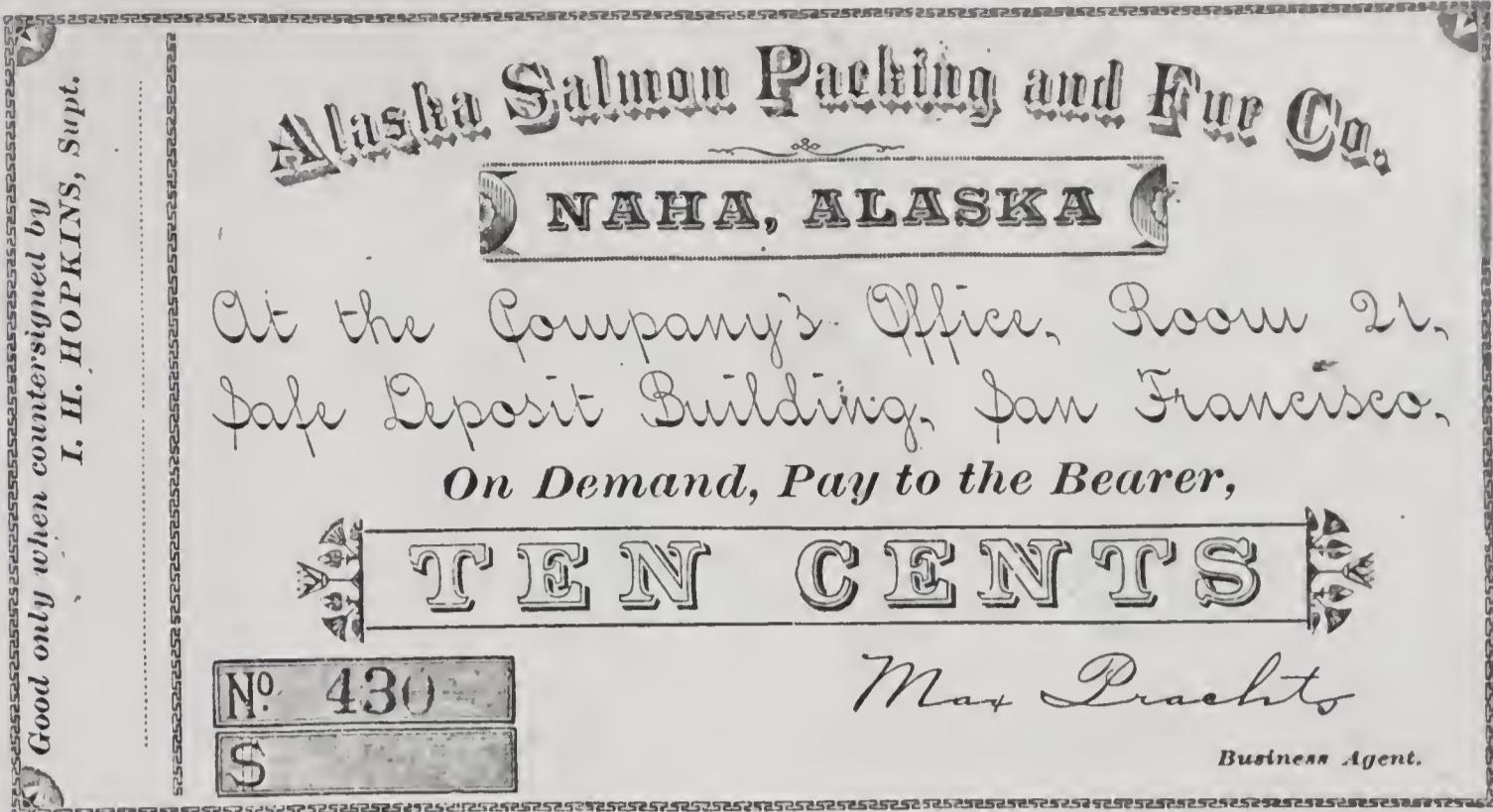
In the center of the fragments is a sketch of what the token looked like. No complete examples are known.



----- ANOTHER KLONDIKE MAVERICK



This time a wooden nickel. Any idea where Klondike Acres Sub-Division is?



TWO MORE ALASKAN PAPER ITEMS

With our lead article on a paper subject, this seemed like the right time to run these.

The first is apparently company scrip of the Alaska Salmon Packing and Fur Co. Can find no reference of Naha, Alaska, but did find Naha Bay and Naha River on Revillagigedo Island, northwest of Ketchikan.

This piece was offered to us for \$3500. Needless to say, we passed.

The other item was sent in by Ron

Benice. Copyrighted in 1897 in Malden, MA, it is an advertising flier for a Boston bakery.

The fine print legend in front of Uncle Sam's head reads "Uncle Sam hereby calls the attention of the whole world and the rest of mankind to his Alaskan purchase". It is signed by Bull-Dog Pluck, cashier and Rich Klondike, president. It also states "This bill is not redeemable if presented by a tenderfoot." A very interesting, Alaskan related item!

FOR THE RECORD



ANCHORAGE: ARTIC WINTER GAMES, 1974. Coach's medal in bronze, with rectangular loop. 51mm.

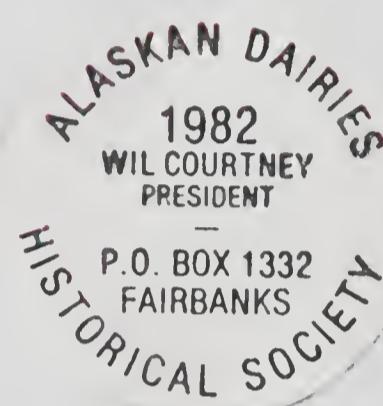


FAIRBANKS: Idle Hour Club. 5¢ In Trade. Unlisted denomination of B-22. 18mm, brass. (Dale Dexter)



(FAIRBANKS): The Alaskan Gold Prospector. .999 silver, 1 oz. (actually 12 grains light!). America's forty-ninth State. Shows gold panner and Mt. McKinley. 35mm.

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT: 1970 Centennial Buck. Brass, 39mm. New variety, large letters.



FAIRBANKS: Alaskan Dairies Hist. Society. Membership token, 1982 Brown on white plastic. \$1 and SASE from A.D.H.S., P.O. Box 1332, Fairbanks, AK 99707.



FAIRBANKS: Fairbanks Video, 5 Wooden Nickels. One is given with each video rental, 20 are good for a free rental. No mail orders, please.

This completes this issue of ATC&PN. Hope that there is something of interest for all.

We are pretty much out of information. Have a couple of articles planned, but need badly space fillers and items for the record.

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LEATHER CURRENCY
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Most Alaskan collectors have seen or heard of the Russian sealskin notes. Of the denominations known, two different are known in Alaska. Perhaps less known are the leather notes issued by the Alaska Commercial Company, the successor to the Russian American Co. The one that is known measures 1 3/16" by 2 3/16". It is good for 50¢ payable in Mdse, Nutchuck. The other side is signed and dated 1876.

The location of Nutchuck was a puzzler but not for long. Petroff (Report on the Population, Industries and Resources of Alaska 1882) yielded the following information:

In early times of the Russian regime, Nuchek, which was then called Redoubt Saint Constantine was quite an important trading center, being visited by Tlingit Copper River Indians. He goes on to say that the number of sea otters sold at the Nuchek stores every year did not exceed 150. Petroff lists the population at 74 in 1880.

The price paid to Aleut hunters for sea otter skins was small, only 10 rubles of colonial scrip or leather currency being paid for a first class skin. He also furnished his own subsistence except for a small quantity of tobacco and flour. The skins at this time brought \$50 to \$100 on the markets of Asia and Europe.

In 1788 two sailors were placed in charge of the ship Three Saints for a voyage of discovery. In May they arrived in Prince William Sound and carried on trade with the natives. A sea otter pelt was traded for 8 or 9 needles and 3 or 4 small beads. They were then supposed to have sailed into Nuchek Bay naming it after Saints Constantine and Helena. All Chiefs who visited were presented with copper and bronze medals.

In 1807 it was reported that four fortified stations existed. Two in Prince William Sound, one at Nuchek, and the other at Laikof Bay. According to "Dictionary of Alaska Place Names", by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Nuchek is on Hinchinbrook Island on the Hinchinbrook Entrance to Prince William Sound.

MAVERICK OF THE MONTH! (In Spanish) Medal of
guarantee, registered mark and of perfect con-
struction of watch. Obv. "Dependable like the
sun". Brand name? Polar! 23mm Brass.



North of 60°

South of 50°

EDITORIAL

This month we are fortunate to have an article by Kaye Dethridge on the leather notes of the Alaska Commercial Co., successor to the Russian American Co.

The next to the last paragraph of Kaye's article mentions copper and bronze medals presented to Indian chiefs. With thanks to John Challis of Canadian Coin News, we begin a short series of articles about Russian medals related to Alaska. Subscription blank to CCN is to be found elsewhere in this issue. For those of our readers that want complete news on trade dollar issues, this is the paper for you.

At present, your editor is doing research at the Univ. of AK library, going through old Dawson, Y.T. newspapers. With this issue, we begin to bring you short pieces that we hope you will find of interest.

Articles and fillers are always needed, so how about sending them in. Proper credit will be given.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Canadian Trade Dollars and Related Issues Handbook", 1st ed., by Jack Sauchenki, 13559 124 A Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5L 3B4. \$4.95.

The 116 page booklet is produced by photocopy on 5½" by 8½" pages and bound with a heavy white cover. It was released on Nov. 29, 1981.

Catalogued in this booklet are all municipal and private issues of Canadian Trade dollars (including wooden dollars) and trade notes, as well as a few related issues of medallions. Items are listed alphabetically under the province or territory in which they were issued.

The following data is given for each issue: designer (where known), brief description of design, date, mint, and metal. For each metal in which the piece was struck, the following data is given: weight, diameter, edge, quantity that exists after remelting, and valuation. If the piece is still available from the issuing municipality or agency, the abbreviation "OH" is used and the present price is given. An auction price is given where known. If the piece is no longer available from the issuing agency, and if no auction record is available, the space for the valuation is left blank. A space is left at the far right so this can also be used as a check list.

A listing by province and territory of the addresses of some 230 agencies still having trade dollars for sale is given at the end of the booklet, as well as a list of trade dollar dealers and their addresses.

A alphabetical listing of all issuing municipalities and their home province appears at the beginning of the booklet.

Looseleaf binding allows for insertion of supplementary pages which the author plans on releasing for a nominal fee.

-Jerry Remick

YUKON GOLD IN CANADA'S COINS

Dawson Daily News, Dec. 22, 1909.

Ottawa, Dec. 22 - Immediately after depositing his fifty thousand dollars in Klondike gold in the mint, Joe Boyle left for New York.

It is probable that the first Canadian gold pieces will be coined from the bricks brought out by Mr. Boyle.

Some English sovereigns (Ed. Note- probably with the "C" mint mark for Ottawa) were coined last summer from Canadian gold, but so far no Canadian gold pieces have been coined. Minister Fielding announced in the budget speech that arrangements are being made to begin Canadian gold coinage, and next year should see a number of Canadian five and ten dollar gold pieces in circulation.

Practically all Yukon gold is marketed in Seattle or other American cities. Efforts are being made for the establishment of a Canadian purchasing office in Dawson where miners can get market value for their gold.

At present there is a discount of nearly 2% charged by the banks, although it can be sent to the mint by mail for less than 1% of its value. It is asserted that the mint can coin Yukon gold at a small profit, the same as in other countries, using gold currency, while there would be considerable amount saved to producers in Yukon.

It is thought here that a large part of the Alaska gold passing through Dawson would be purchased by the projected Canadian office in Dawson.

(Ed. Note- As history bears out, the first Canadian gold coins were issued in 1912, being authorized in 1911. The \$5 and \$10 were issued for only three years, until 1914. Sovereigns of the British design, with the "C" mint mark were issued from 1908 to 1919).

ALASKAN MEDALS OF RUSSIA

Valery Durov, Scientific Worker of the State Museum of History.

Part 1: Indian Chiefs' Medals

In the early 19th Century, during the first years of the reign of Alexander I, medals were made for distribution among the Chiefs and elders of the Indian and Eskimo tribes of North America who maintained friendly relations with the Russian Colonists. These medals were made in two sizes. They had the Russian double-headed eagle with a shield on its breast bearing the monogram of Alexander I on one side and on the other side "Friendly to Russia".

Part 2: Exploration Medals

A Northeastern expedition under the command of Lt. Capt. of the Russian Navy, Iosif Billings, left St. Petersburg in October, 1785. The expedition's goal was to study and plot on the map the Ohukut Peninsula, the newly discovered islands in the Pacific, and the section of the North American coast that belonged to Russia at that time. The expedition continued for eight years and was successfully completed. Special gold, silver and copper medals were sent out to Billings in 1791 for distribution to the expedition members "for making the newly discovered peoples, including the inhabitants of North America, the subjects of the Russian Empire." The obverse side of the medal bore a portrait of Catherine II and the reverse side the national emblem of Russia, the double-headed eagle and the date, "1791".

One of the most distinguished members of the expedition was Lt. Ivan Kobelev, who had sailed to the American coast many times and done much to promote the exploration and description of the region. A gold

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ALASKAN MEDALS OF RUSSIA (cont.)

medal struck specially for him bore the inscription: "To Lieutenant Ivan Kobelev of the Gzhiginsk party for services rendered during the North-eastern expeditions of 1793".

(From Canadian Coin News, October 21, 1980, with permission.)

Next month we will conclude this article on medals with those awarded to merchants and traders.



Alan Weinberg sent in the above encased cent.

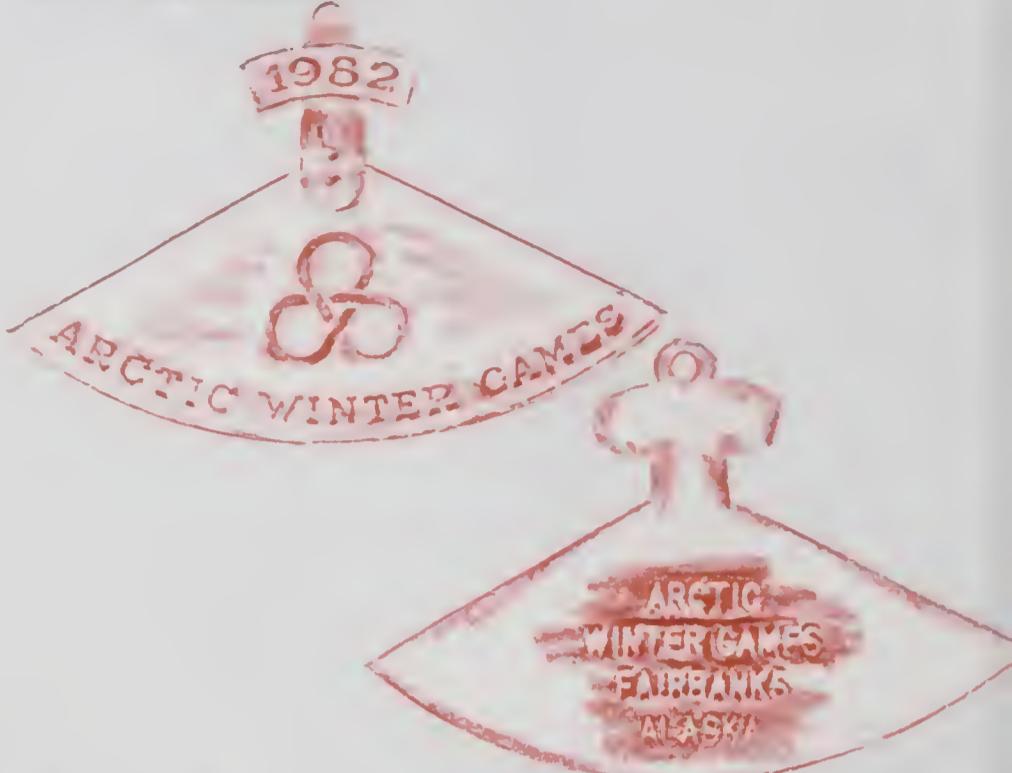
"Eat Midnight Sun Brand Food Products and Be Healthy, Bergseth Fish Co." Obverse is the typical "Keep Me and You Will Have Good Luck" with a 1929 Lincoln cent.

Kaye Dethridge informed Alan that "evidently Bergseth had more than one processing plant, one being near Ketchikan".

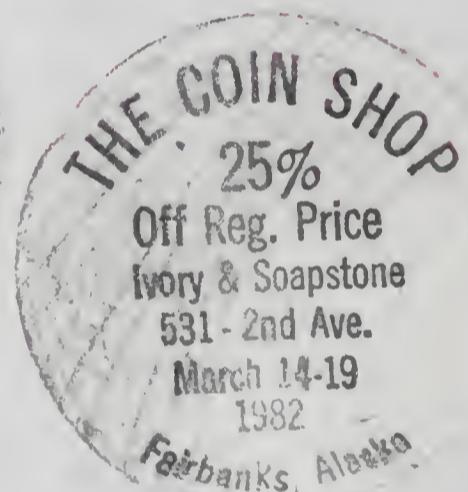
Your editor feels that it was probably used outside of Alaska to promote Bergseth's products. Even if this is the case, this piece is very worthy of being in any fine Alaskan collection, representing a firm doing business in Alaska.

Well, this is it for this issue. With any luck, a token and medal price list will accompany this issue of ATC&PN.

FOR THE RECORD



FAIRBANKS: Arctic Winter Games award medal, 1982. Bronze.



FAIRBANKS: NSA, Inc., The Coin Shop Discount Wood for use during Arctic Winter Games, 1982. 1250 manufactured, 1000 given to AWG committee for distribution to participants. Available for \$1 plus SASE from NSA, Inc., P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, AK 99707. (blue ink)

Name _____

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Canadian COIN NEWS

GREENLAND NOTE RARITIES BECOME COMMON

The U.S. had troops stationed in Greenland during WWII. To facilitate trade, military notes were issued by the Greenland Administration. Until recently, these have been very rare.

Several thousand have now turned up and have been sold by the quasi-governmental Greenland Fund.

Before this fact was known, many dealers in the U.S. and Europe were the victims of a "sting" operation. The dealers were offered the notes at prices well above the offering price of the Greenland Fund, but enough below the Pick catalog listed price to make it very inviting!

World Coin News broke the story on Jan. 5, 1982. We have recently just found it because of a very indecript headline. The notes were being sold for about \$25 for a 3 note set comprised of a 1, 5, and 20 skilling note. This is the set with the crown overprint. Those without the overprint are still very rare.

So, you collectors of Greenland material, be on the lookout for these notes that most of us could not afford in the past.

The Feb. 16, 1982 issue of WCN reported that the Greenland Fund has sold out.

BOOK REVIEW

YUKON PLACES & NAMES: R. Coutts, Gray's Publishing, Ltd. Sidney, BC (See price list, item #005 & 006)

This book is a necessary addition to any Yukon collector's library. It gives the names of places and geographical features, and their origins.

This is a very useful book that has already help attribute a medal!

FOR THE RECORD (a little more)



CALUMET, Y.T.: Ski Race, 1966. Brz., 33mm. Calumet was a mining settlement 5 mile from Elsa used to house workers at the Clumet silver-lead mine. This information is from a persons personal experience and from the book, Yukon Places and Names.



FAIRBANKS: (Grinder Machine) tokens for use in electronic games. Set of 2 brs, 23mm, available from NSA Inc. for \$1 plus SASE. One above and one below



FAIRBANKS: Independent Lumber Inc. 50¢ I/T, 39mm, red on yellow plas.

An extra page to make the price list come out even!



NSA Inc. • P.O. Box 2832, Fairbanks, Alaska 99707 • Subscription \$5.00/year

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THE CHATANIKA TRADE TOKENS

(Reprinted from the Summer, 1971 issue of Treasure Hunters Newsletter, with permission of Mr. H. Glenn Carson, Carson Enterprises, P.O. Drawer 71 Deming, New Mexico 88031)

The entire token collecting hobby has been increasing with astonishing rapidity in the last few years. Many somewhat disillusioned numismatists have turned to tokens in place of coins. Foreign coins did not go over as big as many dealers would have liked. Key coins of even the more current series had become too high priced as far as many collectors were concerned. Then, as a rather new possibility, the idea of collecting trade tokens began to catch hold.

Trade tokens have been common throughout the history of our developing country. There has been at many times a chronic shortage of coins. Gold, silver, or copper coins were most hard to come by. Trade tokens served as a partial answer to those coin shortages. Bars gave back change in the form of tokens, good for so much at the bar. Dairies, bakeries, general stores and merchandisers of all sorts gave out tokens redeemable at face value in trade. It was good business. It made change and was likely to bring back a customer for additional business. Many merchants like the idea immensely.

There are trade tokens, and then there are trade tokens. Some of them now are worth a little bit, some have virtually no value at all, and some are worth a great deal, indeed. Some are a marvelous numismatic item, extremely valuable additions to one's coin collection.

Such a token are the Chatanika trade tokens of Alaska. A few numismatists have advised holding one or more as excellent speculative material.

The Chatanika tokens were put out by the Chatanika Trading Post. Trappers, hunters, prospectors, and miners took the coins considered them as good as silver money, and took them willingly. They turned in their gold dust or furs for tokens. Many were lost, and not a great many were issued in the first place.

Scarcity is what makes any token worth collecting. Few people want to spend a lot of time, effort, and money collecting something that several million other people are collecting. That, quite simply, is what makes such a token as the Chatanika trade token a valuable collector's item. It says much about the (continued on page 18).



EDITORIAL

Our front page article is a reprint that is 11 years old! Sure sounds as if it could have been written yesterday. Our thanks for this article go to Mr. H. Glenn Carson and to Lee Hanson, Breton, Alberta for hunting it down for us.

We complete the article on Russian medals relating to Alaska. And we continue our search through the old Dawson papers with an article on Russian artifacts.

All this and our usual trivia!

Next month we hope to bring you an article on John Zaccarelli, a Dawson merchant. A J.Z.* was featured in Volume III, #2 in For The Record. John Zaccarelli appears to be the only merchant in Dawson with these initials (*- token). It is the result of our research in the Dawson papers.

Also next month, a short list of new items in stock (I hope).

We are always in need of articles for this newsletter. We have a couple lined up for the next couple of months, but after that it is up to you, so plan ahead. Have an article ready for us for when we run out.

If you get in enough articles, you won't have to listen to us beg for them every month.

Space fillers are also needed.

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Canadian Corr.- Jerry Remick

BOOK REVIEW

"The C T D Pocket Guide, Canadian Trade Dollars", by Jean Guy Cote, 12 Lyon Heights Rd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1P 3V7. \$2.50, Postpaid.

At last, the first pocket sized (4" by 7") check list for municipal Canadian trade dollars with a current retail valuation for each dollar is available.

This 34 page booklet lists all currency issued municipal Canadian trade dollars alphabetically by the issuing municipality rather than subdividing them by the province in which they were issued. The current dealers' selling price and metal for the currency issue is given for each dollar. The mint and mintage is given for most issues. The 25¢, 50¢, \$2 and \$2.50 trade coins are listed separately. There is a two page listing of trade notes with a valuation for each and the number printed.

Die varieties are not listed except for less than ten issues where the design on the die was altered at the request of the issuing municipality. Off metal types are not listed either.

The booklet was prepared by the author on his home computer. It is accurate and complete. The name of the issuing municipality and its province or territory appear in large bold type letters while the rest of the data is in smaller type. There is a bracket before each issue so the collector can check off the pieces he or she acquires.

I highly recommend this booklet to all interested in trade dollars. It could well pay for itself as some of the rarer trade dollars are still available for a dollar or so in dealers' albums and junk boxes. Only during the last year or so have the rarer issues become known.

-Jerry Remick

CHATANIKA, continued.

valuable collection of old Colorado trading tokens also discussed in this issue (ed. note-not this issue of ATC&PN, but of Summer, 1971 of Treasure Hunter's Newsletter).

So, should you get into Alaska in the near future, and get the chance to obtain one of these old tokens, you might consider it. They put out 5 cent, 10 cent, 25 cent, and 50 cent tokens, and if you can get a full set it makes for a more valuable collection. A single token is fine, but not worth as much as singly as it would be in a set of four.

To give some idea of value, Jim Carson of Fairbanks, Alaska, traded an extra 50 cent Bingle Fritz he had for an almost uncirculated 1908 \$20 gold piece. Both parties went away feeling good, so who knows who got the best value.

(Editor's Note: The Bingle Fritz tokens were issued in values of 25¢, 50¢, and \$1. According to Ron Benice, "Fritz" was Thomas Frederick Welch, general merchandise and billiards. In 1971, according to the Red Book, an 1908 \$20 was worth \$80 in XF and \$100 in UNC! Quite a sum for a token in those days).

JASON ISLAND CURRENCY ISSUER PASSES ON

We are saddened to report the death of Len Hill, the issuer of the Jason Islands currency.

In a letter from his son, R.A. Hill, we learn that he "died suddenly on the 3rd December on his return from the Falkland Islands."

With the passing of Len Hill, it appears that the numismatic history of the Jason Islands is at an end.

SPACE FILLERS ARE NEEDED FOR EVERY ISSUE.

IDITAROD 1982.

The Iditarod race from Anchorage to Nome is being run as we write this. Below is an abbreviated price list of items available from the Iditarod Race Committee, Inc., Pouch X, Wasilla, AK 99687.

1981 Button	1.00
1982 Button (below)	1.50
Lapel pin	2.00
Commem. Belt Buckle	25.00
10th Anniversary, cut-out button (below)	3.00

(plus POSTAGE)



ARCTIC WINTER GAMES, 1982.

The 1982 Arctic Winter Games are being held in Fairbanks at this time.

The town is flooded with folks in Team Alaska's yellow jackets, the Yukon's silver parkas and Northwest's two-toned blue parkas. This is definitely the sporting and social event of the north.

Pins are the major trade items, with NWT having a set of 15 (for all events). Another popular trading item is the license plate from NWT in the shape of a polar bear.

Next month, we will bring you a recap of the games.

ALASKAN MEDALS OF RUSSIA
(continued from ATC&PN, 3/82)

Part 3: Medals for Merchants

In 1777, a Russian merchant, Grigory Shelekhov, who trade in Siberia, fitted out a wahling ship and sailed for the Kuril Islands. In the Bering Straits he discovered some new islands. Later Shelekhov and another merchant, Ivan Golikov by name, organized a whaling trade company. In 1783 Shelekov and Golikov set sail for Alaska in three ships, and the following year, founded the first Russian settlement on Kodiak Island.

In 1787 they fitted out two more vessels and sent them to the area. At the same time they presented a report of their travels and a map of the newly explored lands. As a reward they were presented with gold medals with the inscription "For services for the good of the state in exploring unknown lands and conducting trade with them. 1788". There were only 2 of these medals made especially for Shelekov and Golikov, who at the same time received licenses permitting them to carry on their exploitations.

On Shelekov's proposal, a merchant from the town of Kargopol, Alexander Baranov, consented to administer the Russian colony at Kodiak. He arrived on the island in 1791 and with the establishment of the Russian-American Trade Company, he was appointed the first ruler of Russian possessions on the northwest coast of America, a post he occupied for 28 years. Baranov did much to develop trade, industry and mining in the region.

It was on his initiative that the first school was founded in Alaska. In 1799 Alexander Baranov was awarded a gold medal made especially for him. The inscription on it read: "To the Kargopol merchant Baranov in reward for services in establishing, developing and broadening Russian trade

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in America. 1799."

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This completes the article by Valery Durov, Scientific Worker of the State Museum of History, originally published in Canadian Coin News, Reprinted with permission.

SIGNS OF RUSSIANS

Dawson Daily News, January 18, 1904.

Articles of trade indicative of the presence of Russians or Indians with Russian goods in the Alsek placer diggings west of Whitehorse many years ago have been found on discovery claim on Bullion Creek. The articles are peculiarly made brass tack similar to the kind, it is believed, that the Russian traders sold in Alaska years ago.

Bullion Creek is on the Canadian side of the new international boundary. Some have suggested that had the tacks been discovered before the boundary question was settled that they might have been cited as evidence of the occupation of the Russians of that part of the country, but the more deliberate call attention to the fact the articles might have been dropped where they were by any nomad of bygone days as well as by any Russian on the Czar's domain.

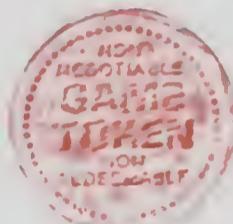
The tacks as lately found, it is understood, were of the peculiar shape resembling a clove split down the middle. They were not of native copper, but brass. Were they of native copper it would give rise to the question whether or not they were made by the Indians from the native copper found at the head of White River. Northern Indians are said to be fond of brass tacks for decoration of dog harness, guns, and the like.

Selling Alaskan material? We are strong buyers of tokens, medals, post cards or whatever you may have.

FOR THE RECORD



DOUGLAS-JUNEAU: Gross Picture Show. 12½¢ Rebate token. 24mm, Alum. Good for 1 admission. Presumably, when one paid for admission with a quarter (25¢), you received one of the tokens to use the next visit.



FAIRBANKS: Co-Op Records Arcade, Game Token. Brass, 23mm. Available from NSA for 50¢ plus SASE.



FAIRBANKS: Raven Screens, wood TUIT Since these did not cost us anything, lets try something different. We have a limited supply. If you want one, send an SASE. We will save all requests until April 15, and if there are more requests than there are wood, we'll draw for it. If you don't get one, we'll send a note to say "sorry". If you really don't collect this sort of material, please do not request one. This offer is good to subscribers only.



KODIAK: H.D.'s AIRPORT LOUNGE, \$2.50 in trade. Brass, 33mm. In use 1975 and 1976. Now Sip's Hanger 4. (submitted by Dick Powell)



TENAKEE: Columbia Salmon Co., 10¢ in trade, 18mm (aluminum??). (submitted by Lew Egnew).



ALASKA (general): Oxford Assaying and Refining silver 1 oz bar. Indiana, New York, Florida, Alaska.



(Yellowknife), NWT: Silver medal, trade dollar size. "Salute to Mining, 1981". Issued by the Yellowknife Chamber of Commerce, Box 906, Yellowknife, NWT, Canada XOE 1HO. "Minted from northern silver mined at Echo Bay on the shore of Great Bear Lake".



FAIRBANKS: Wil Courtney, set of four personal tokens. 42mm plastic. Black on yellow; white on copper; black on orange; white on pink.



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JOHN ZACCARELLI
DAWSON MERCHANT



John Zaccarelli was a prominent Dawson merchant of the early 1900's. He was a native of Italy, and prior to coming to Dawson, lived with his parents in Nanaimo, B.C.

Mr. Zaccarelli came to Dawson in 1897 at the age of 16. He came by way of the White Pass and was among the first to cross that route in the great stampede.

While we have evidence that he was in business in 1897, the first ad we could locate is in the Yukon Sun & Klondike Pioneer of January 26, 1901. "Claims for Re-Location" indicates a possible change in location of the business to the Bank Bldg., opposite the A.C. Stores, on Third Street. At this time he was selling "the best" tobacco, cigars, fruit, candies, nuts and stationery, and "the latest" newspapers, magazines, and periodicals.

Claims For Re-Location.



BANK BUILDING, THIRD STREET

OPPOSITE A.C. STORES

ZACCARELLI,

John Zaccarelli ran for alderman. He lost his bid for election, and no further evidence of his seeking political office has been found.

In one of Dawson's many fires (November 23 1904) his business, listed as a fruit store, was destroyed. While we cannot verify it, this is probably the same location as in his first ad of 1901. His dog, described as a fine, large fellow sought refuge under the building and was baked to death. The dog was the only fatality in the fire.

FOR ALDERMAN,

JOHN ZACCARELLI.

Fresh Candies

(Lowney's and McCool's)

At Zaccarelli's

Opposite A.C. Stores, King St.

first ad for postcards appeared on October 13, 1908. About a month

The South Dawson voters list, published in the Dawson Daily News of December 10, 1904 lists John Zaccarelli as a clerk, King St. We suspect that at this time he was working for Joe Gandolfo, because in his next ad of July 16, 1906, he is operating out of "Gandolfo's Old Stand, King St."

Collectors of Yukon postcards will recognize the name Zaccarelli because he was responsible for a large series of postcards. The (Continued on page 23)

EDITORIAL

This issue appears to be our un-official Yukon issue. As mentioned in earlier issues, we are doing research in the early Dawson newspapers. Our article this month is a by-product of this research.

Our thanks go to Les Hill for looking it over and for his comments, which can also be found in this issue.

The photocopies of the ads are very light. Unfortunately, we could do nothing about this. These are photocopied from microfilm and then copied again in printing. Most are legible, except for those that were barely legible on microfilm. All ads are from the Dawson Daily News, except as noted in the text.

We were planning to have a recap of the Arctic Winter Games in this issue, but space does not permit it. We are also waiting to obtain some items from the AWG committee. This probably won't run until the June issue.

Next month, we hope to bring you a numismatic history of the Falkland Islands.



RARE YUKON NOTE OFFERED FOR SALE

A rare Canadian Bank of Commerce \$5 note overprinted for use in the Yukon. This is the first we have seen offered for sale and only the second that the present owner has seen for sale. Contact R.D. Lockwood, Inc., P.O. Box 335, Streetsville, ONT., CANADA L5M 2B9. Phone (416)826-2419.

CALUMET, Y.T.

In our issue of March, 1982 issue, we ran a ski medal from Calumet in For The Record. We wrote to United Keno Hill Mines Ltd. for more information.

Mrs. Shirley Prancic of U.K.H.M. Ltd provided the following information.

A mining camp was started at Calumet in 1937, and a tram line from Calumet to Elsa was built in 1938. The population peaked in the early 1960's at about 400, and the entire camp was closed down in 1967. The sole function of the community was mining silver, lead, and zinc.

The Calumet Ski Club, under the auspices of the Recreation Association for the Elsa-Calumet area, was active from 1957 to 1966. Mrs. Prancic can only confirm races in 1964, 1965, and 1966. The ski medal appears to have been issued on an annual basis. The bronze 1966 medal may have been issued as a souvenir. There is no record of who issued or designed the bronze medal. The records do indicate that Henry Birks & Sons, Granville St., Vancouver, B.C., provided 10 sterling silver medals to the Ski Club in 1964 and perhaps the same firm supplied the bronze of 1966.

LES HILL COMMENTS ON J.Z. ARTICLE

The only suggestion that I could make on the article is where you infer that Gandolfo still owned the store because his name still appears on the canvas awnings. I would assume that Zac. would not have bothered to replace them, so he could have been the owner of the premises with Gandolfo's name still there for all to see. Dawson was not such a big place that he needed to direct the public to his place of business.

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JOHN ZACCARELLI, DAWSON MERCHANT.

Souvenir Letters

Two for 25 Cents

With 12 Linen Views

New Colored Post Cards

Hand Colored

THE BEST COLLECTION OF VIEWS
OF THE YUKON EVER PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM

Hand Colored

Zaccarelli's Book Store

earlier, September 19, 1908, a related ad also appeared, selling a "Pictorial Souvenir Book of the Yukon," with 192 original photographic reproductions. We haven't seen the book, but suspect that it is comprised of views from Zaccarelli postcards.

The photo at the right shows Gandolfo's Store on King St. What is curious about it is that it is from a Zaccarelli postcard! Either this card was printed while John Zaccarelli was in another location (before the 1904 fire) or it is from a negative that pre-dates Zaccarelli's purchase of Gandolfo's.

Ice pools remain one of the only forms of legalized gambling in the state of Alaska. They were very popular in the early days of the north too! The objective was to guess when the ice would break-up and go down river.

In 1913, John Zaccarelli had a dream one night that he was in a big game of blackjack, "ala '98", the game being outlawed years before. Every time he played 11 in his dream, he won. The next day, he and

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NEW PICTORIAL SOUVENIR OF THE YUKON!

First Copies Have Just Been Received
From the Outside.

CONTAINS 192 FINEST VIEWS EVER TAKEN IN KLONDIKE!

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ZACCARELLI, King St.



JOHN ZACCARELLI, DAWSON MERCHANT.

Malcolm McKinnon decided his dream meant the ice would go out at Dawson on the 11th minute past the hour. Therefore, they decided to buy up all the 11's left in the many small ice pools held by the businesses in Dawson. They hit it big, and split \$3600.

John Zaccarelli ads carried a great variety of items, as shown by the ads on this page. But, in 1918, he decided to call it quits in Dawson. He sent his wife and two sons to Oakland ahead of him, while he wound up his affairs. He planned to go into business upon his arrival in Oakland, CA.

Arriving in Skagway, he boarded the Sophia for points south. On October 24th, 1918, the Sophia ran aground on the Vanderbilt Reef, at the junction of the Lynn Canal and the Favorite Channel, 30 miles northwest of Juneau. Since she was resting on an even keel, and the seas were very heavy, no attempt was made to remove the passengers. On the night of the 25th or early morning of the 26th, the Sophia slid off the reef in heavy wind and seas. In the morning light, only 20 feet of her masts were showing above the water. There were no survivors, the loss placed at 343 people. John Zaccarelli was only one of the many Dawson citizens on board.

Ironically, the Lighthouse Tender Cedar, one of the vessels standing by to take off passengers, was on assignment to place a buoy on the Vanderbilt Reef.

John Zaccarelli's funeral was held in Vancouver on November 30, 1918. His wife came north from Oakland, and his parents and sisters of Ladysmith were in attendance.

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Dawson Daily News 11/9/14

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NEW
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and Local View Xmas and New Year
Cards Ever Imported

XMAS
TALES & STALES

Xmas Cards

XMAS
POSTAL CARDS
McDOOLEN

Zaccarelli Book Store

NEW YEAR
CARDS

LIST # 5A. SUPPLEMENT TO LIST #5.

See List #5 for terms of sale.

Items sold out from list #5: 018,026
 028,029,040,066,067,072,081-83,085-
 090,100,105,106,108,109,111,115,122,
 128,133,142,143,148,165,169,172,179,
 180,182,184,187,189,191,205,210,212,
 229,230,232,236-38,247,250,251,259,
 263,275,276,308,323,325,336,340,345,
 346,359,363,369,370,388,397,398,424,
 425,450.

500. AK Command, 25th Anniv. 1972,
 Ster. Sil. 40mm 20.00

501. AK Pipeline, 1973, Prudhoe obv,
 Valdez rev., 40mm brs. 4.00

ANCHORAGE

502. 1st Nat'l Bank, 29mm brz w/loop
 for key chain 3.00

503. AK Coin UnLtd., 1973, 35¢I/T
 Red on wood 3.00

504. Malemute Montana Club, \$1I/T
 Brs, 39mm 15.00

505. Pages of Progress, set of 2,
 #'d, Sil & Brz 40mm 20.00

506. Shrine Circus, 25¢I/T 26mm
 alum 2.50

FAIRBANKS

507. Eskimo Olympics, 1965, brz,
 40mm 4.50

508. As above, 1966, set of 2,
 sil and brz. 20.00

509. Set as above, but 1967 20.00

510. Fbks. Coin Club, 1972, Bob
 Bartlett Brz. 40mm 4.00

511. As above, Austin E. Lathrop
 1973 4.00

512. As above, Sydney Laurence
 1974 4.00

513. As above, Bob Reeves, 1976,
 38mm 4.00

514. As above, Charles and Anna
 Creamer, 1977 4.00

515. As above, Leonhard Seppala,
 1978 4.00

516. As above, Andrew Nerland,
 1979 4.00

517. Gold Pan Trd. Post, 5¢ I/T
 Black on wood 2.25

JUNEAU

518. Elk's Club, 12½¢I/T B-18BI
 42.50

KETCHIKAN

519. Elk's 45 yrs. Sil. 32mm proof
 20.00

KWIGUK

520. Alstrom, \$1I/T B-1C 13.00

NOME

521. Polet Stores, 5¢I/T B-38B
 13.00

522. Bering Sea Saloon, 1 drink,
 #'d 33mm brs. 4.50

SEWARD

523. Am. Legion, XXV B-1A 10.00

SHISHMAREF

524. Native Store, 5¢I/T B-1A 7.00

525. As above, 25¢I/T B-1C 10.00

SPENARD

526. Friendly Fireside Lounge, set
 of 2, 1967PC, 40mm sil & brs.
 both #'d 20.00

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

527-Official medal 32mm brs. 3 dan-
 cers, rev is coat of arms 8.00

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT

528-Centennial Buck, 1970, 40mm
 brs. 6.00

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

529. Klondike Dollar, (no date)
 40mm brs. 6.00

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF MIL-
 ITARY CHITS.

EIELSON A.F.B.

530. Airmen's Annex, B-1AII 2.50

531. NCO OPEN MESS, as B-2B, but
 red cardboard 2.50

FT. GREELY

532. NCO Open Mess 5¢ B-1A 3.00

533. As above, but cardboard 3.00

534. NCO Open Mess 10¢ B-1B 3.00

535. As above, but cardboard 3.00

536. NCO Opne Mess 25¢ B-1C 3.00

537. As above, but cardboard 3.00

538. Book of chits (Lots 532,34,36)
 15-5¢,5-10¢,15-25¢. 25.00

FT. WAINWRIGHT

539. 49 Open Mess, 5¢ B-2A 3.00

540. 49 Open Mess, 10¢ unlisted
 Yellow cardboard 3.00

541. 49 Open Mess, 25¢ B-2B 3.00

KODIAK

542. Marine Enlisted 5¢ B-6A 3.00

543. As above, tan 3.00

544. As above, 10¢ orange 3.00

545. As above, 25¢ B-6C 3.00

546. As above, but red 3.00

NOTE: All chits are a light card-
 board except where we list them
 as paper. Some are cancelled.

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THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

A BRIEF NUMISMATIC HISTORY



Before the events of April 2, 1982, few people knew where the Falkland Islands were, and even fewer cared.

ATC&PN's self-imposed boundaries (North of 60°, South of 50°) was selected specifically to include the Falklands. The Falkland Islands have the most southerly national coinage. While Argentina and Chile extend further to the south, their coinage is used primarily north of 50° south latitude.

With the Argentine invasion on April 2, the coinage of the Falkland Islands came to an end (temporarily, we hope). Within days of the invasion, Argentine coins, currency, and postage reportedly came into use.

The early history of the Falklands has been covered extensively in the national press. British and Argentine claims have been repeated endlessly. There is no need to go into it here. But where does the numismatic history of the Falklands begin?

The first currency specifically issued for use in the Falkland Islands was issued in 1829 in the denominations of 1 and 5 Pesos. Recently, an unissued, undated and unsigned 2 Pesos note has been discovered. This note can be seen on page 28. The note states "2 Pesos, the value that was received in the Isle of Malvinas in trade for comestibles, in general, or in the city of Buenos Aires, pay to bearer on sight in metal money by order of the subscriber." When the British evicted the Argentine settlement in 1833, the use of this currency came to an end.

The first British currency was issued in 1899. These were issued in the denominations of 5 and 10 Shillings, and 1 and 5 Pounds. Known dates of issue for this series are 1899, 1901 and 1916. Issued in the name of the Government of the Falkland Islands, they do not bear a royal portrait.

Notes bearing the portrait of George V were issued in 1921 and 1932 in the denominations of 10 Shillings and 1 and 5 Pounds. Notes of this series and of the earlier series are very scarce.

The first numismatic item in metal was issued in 1933. A crown-size tombac (brass alloy) medal was issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the British settlement. The obverse has a portrait of George V, while the reverse has the then current coat of arms. This medal is illustrated above. According to Jerry Remick, 2002 pieces were minted, and all but 2 were sent to the Falklands. Joseph Lepczyk is offering an example of this medal in his June 3, 1982 mail auction. Estimated price is \$100.



(continued on page 28.)

EDITORIAL

As this is being written, Britain has just retaken Darwin and Goose Green in the Falkland Islands and are approaching Port Stanley. An unfortunate war that could not have been avoided, without a violation of trust by one side or the other.

Argentina claims they were kicked out of the islands by the British in 1833. Ever since this forceful eviction, Argentina has claimed the Islands, and wanted to get this territory back. Territory; that is the key point for the Argentines. To give up this claim would violate what generations of Argentines have been taught.

British claims pre-date those of Argentina. But then so do those that could be made by France and Spain. Argentina claims it inherited Spain's claim when they gained their independence.

The inhabitants of the Falklands are overwhelmingly British, maybe 98%. These people want no part of being part of Argentina. People; that is the key point for the British. If Britain cedes this territory, it violates the trust that the 1800 people in the Falklands have placed upon it.

So what is more important? People or territory? We've got to side with the inhabitants. Their way of life is very different from that of those on the mainland. They want to remain under British rule (and very light rule it is). They prefer to have due process of law, rather than a police state. Can't find fault with this.

Hope you find our article on the Falklands this month of interest. I realize that most are just interested in AK material, but I thought this would be a good change of pace.

J.Z. ARTICLE--A CLARIFICATION

After the 1904 fire, John Zaccarelli went to work for Smith's Book and Stationery Store, 201 King St.

Gandolfo's store was at 109 King St.

-Ron Benice

TRIVIA

Les Hill reports in his book Yukon Trade Tokens that Joe Gandolfo was the first to bring in fresh fruit and vegetables to Dawson. These sold out in record time at extremely high prices, with bananas at \$1 each.

Syndicated columnist L.M. Boyd recently that "a dollar's worth of bananas on the East Coast 100 years ago was one banana."

Taking that into consideration, with the extra transportation, that \$1 for a banana in Dawson in 1898 does not sound too bad!

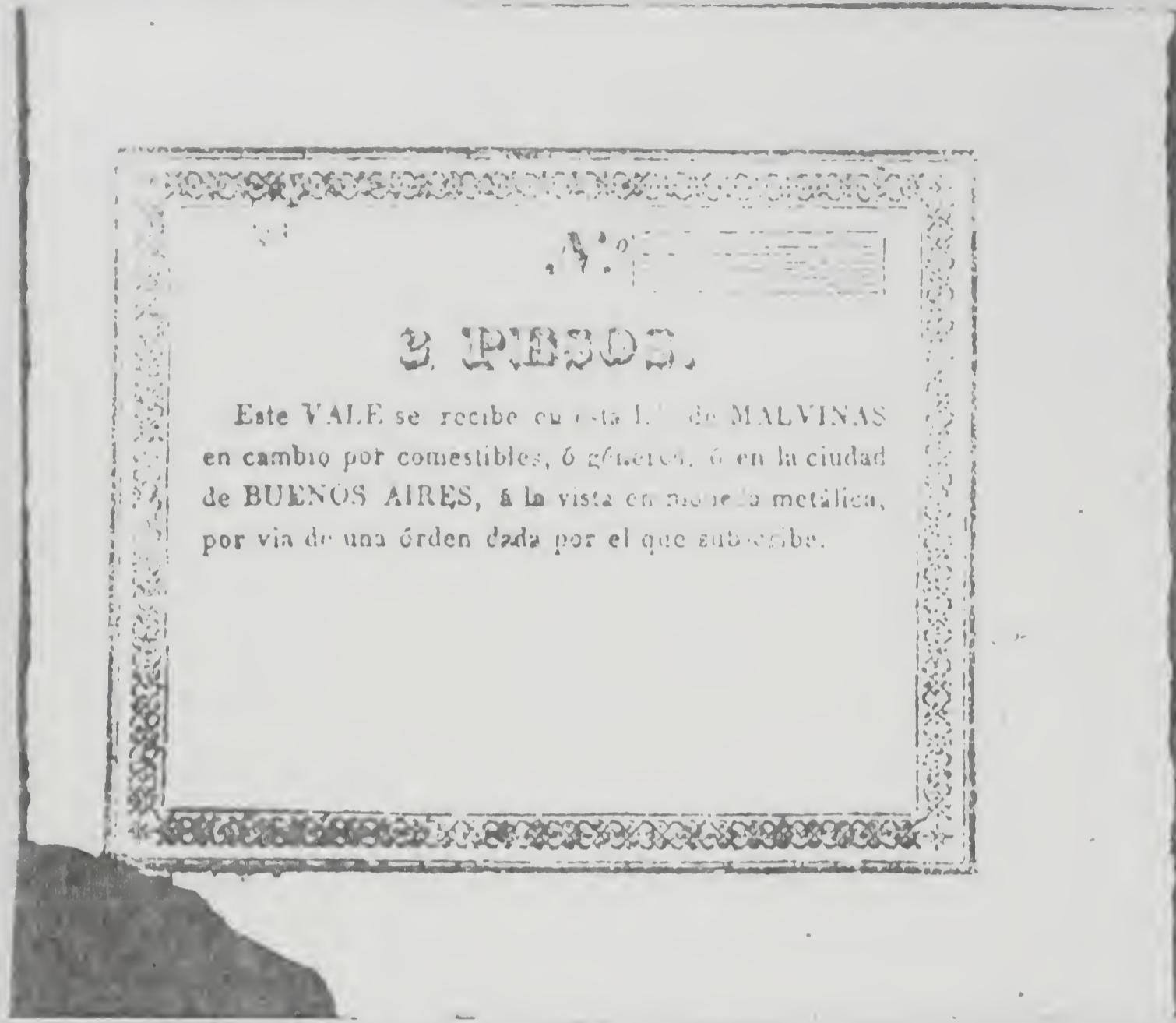
SUMMER NATIONAL COLLECTIBLES EXPO.

This Exposition will be held in Boston, MA on August 14 and 15, the weekend just before the start of the annual ANA convention. There will be 128 booth bourse and at least 3 auctions. Should be a very fine show.

NSA, Inc. will have booth 27, right in front of the main entrance. Hope to see many of you there.

Will also be found walking around the ANA the following week. If you can't get to the NCE, try to catch us at the ANA. Your editor, Dick Hanscom, will most likely be at the Numismatics International meeting that is usually held in conjunction with the ANA.

Hope to see many of our East Coast readers, and others, of course!



The first notes of George VI were issued in 1938 in the denominations of 10 Shillings and 1 Pound. A 5 Pound was not issued until 1952, probably due to a lack of commercial demand.

Due to lack of commercial demand, notes bearing the portrait of Elizabeth II were not issued until 1960.. There were 10 Shilling and 5 Pound notes. A 1 Pound note was not issued until 1967.

With the introduction of the decimal system in Britain in 1968, a 50 Pence note, equivalent to the old 10 Shilling, was issued in 1969. Another 50 Pence note was issued in 1974, along with a 1 Pound note. Samples of Falkland Islands notes can be seen on page 29.

In 1974, the Falklands also received its first distinctive coinage. Patterned after that of Britain, coins were issued in the denominations of $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 5, and 10 Pence. The designs are, respectively, sea trout, gentoo penguins, upland goose, albatross, and sea lion (illustrated on page 29). Since a 50 Pence note was in use, a 50 Pence coin was not issued. Examples of these coins were also issued in brilliant proof finish, in a proof set.



Actual size: 145mm x 92mm

Non-circulating, legal tender gold coins were issued in 1974 also, in the denominations of $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 sovereign, 2 Pounds and 5 Pounds. There were 2000 frosted proof sets struck, in the old British gold sovereign standard. Queen Elizabeth is on the obverse, and the reverse features a Corriedale/Romney March sheep, the most common breed of the islands' main source of revenue.

The Falkland Islands last notes were issued in 1975 (5 Pounds and its first 10 Pound note) and in 1977 (1 Pound note). Hopefully, more will be issued in the future.

The first commemorative coin was issued in 1977 to note Queen Elizabeth's silver jubilee. Departing from the usual pattern of British coinage, a crown-size 50 Pence was issued. This size coin is usually a 25 Pence in other countries using the decimal Pound system. This coin was issued in cupro-nickel for circulation and in frosted proof sterling silver for collectors. Obverse bears the legend Queen Elizabeth the Second 1952-1977, and the Queen's portrait. The reverse has the current coat of arms, with the motto (Desire the Right) and denomination.



Wildlife conservation coins gained popularity in the late 70's and the Falkland Islands issued three coins as part of this series in 1979. Silver 5 and 10 Pounds (featuring a humpback whale and steamer ducks, respectively) were issued, along with a 150 Pounds gold coin (featuring a sea lion). All coins were issued in uncirculated and frosted proof. The 5 and 10 Pounds coins are illustrated on page 30.

Another crown-size 50 Pence coin was issued in 1980 to



commemorate the Queen Mother's 80th birthday. This coins was issued in cupru-nickel and proof sterling silver for collectors.



A complete set of circulating coins as issued in 1974 was also issued in 1980. A new 50 Pence coin to the British standard (7-sided, 30mm) was also issued. This coin depicts the Falkland Islands' Fox, extinct since 1876. This complete set, from $\frac{1}{2}$ Pence to 50 Pence were also issued in a frosted proof set, still available from the Royal Mint.



The last coin issued to date was another crown-size 50 Pence coin commemorating the royal wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Dianne. The author has not seen an example of this coin yet, but it is known to have been issued in cupro-nickel for circulation and proof sterling silver for collectors.

Due to the Argentine invasion, future issues are in doubt. Even in the event of the re-taking of the Islands by the British, will they issue new, definitive coins and notes, or will regular British coinage and currency be used. If a definitive issue is once again put into use, we can probably look forward to a liberation commemorative, and possibly in 1983, a commemorative for 150 years of British settlement in the Islands.

-Dick Hanscom

OBITUARY

Sol J. Uri, known to Alaskan token collectors as the issuer of many tokens from Seward and Kodiak, died May 19, 1982 in Kodiak. He was 82.

Along with issuing numerous tokens (Solly's, Solly's Beachcombers, Solly's Office, etc.) he had a large collection of Alaskan tokens and medals. Several rumors of the disposal of the collection have been heard, but for the privacy of those involved, will be considered rumors.

Mr. Uri first came to Alaska in 1918 while in the army, he was transferred from Germany to Valdez.

FALKLAND ISLANDS ROYAL WEDDING CROWN

Just before press time we found a photo of the Royal Wedding crown issued in 1981. This is illustrated below.



This completes our illustrations of Falkland Islands coins.

DAWSON, YUKON TERRITORY

Independent Order of Odd Fellows,
\$10 Bond. Issued in 1908 and "Paid!"
Pink border and underprint, black
printing on white paper. Some with
transfer of payment on back. Inter-
esting monetary instrument.

Without transfer on back	3.50
With transfer on back	7.50

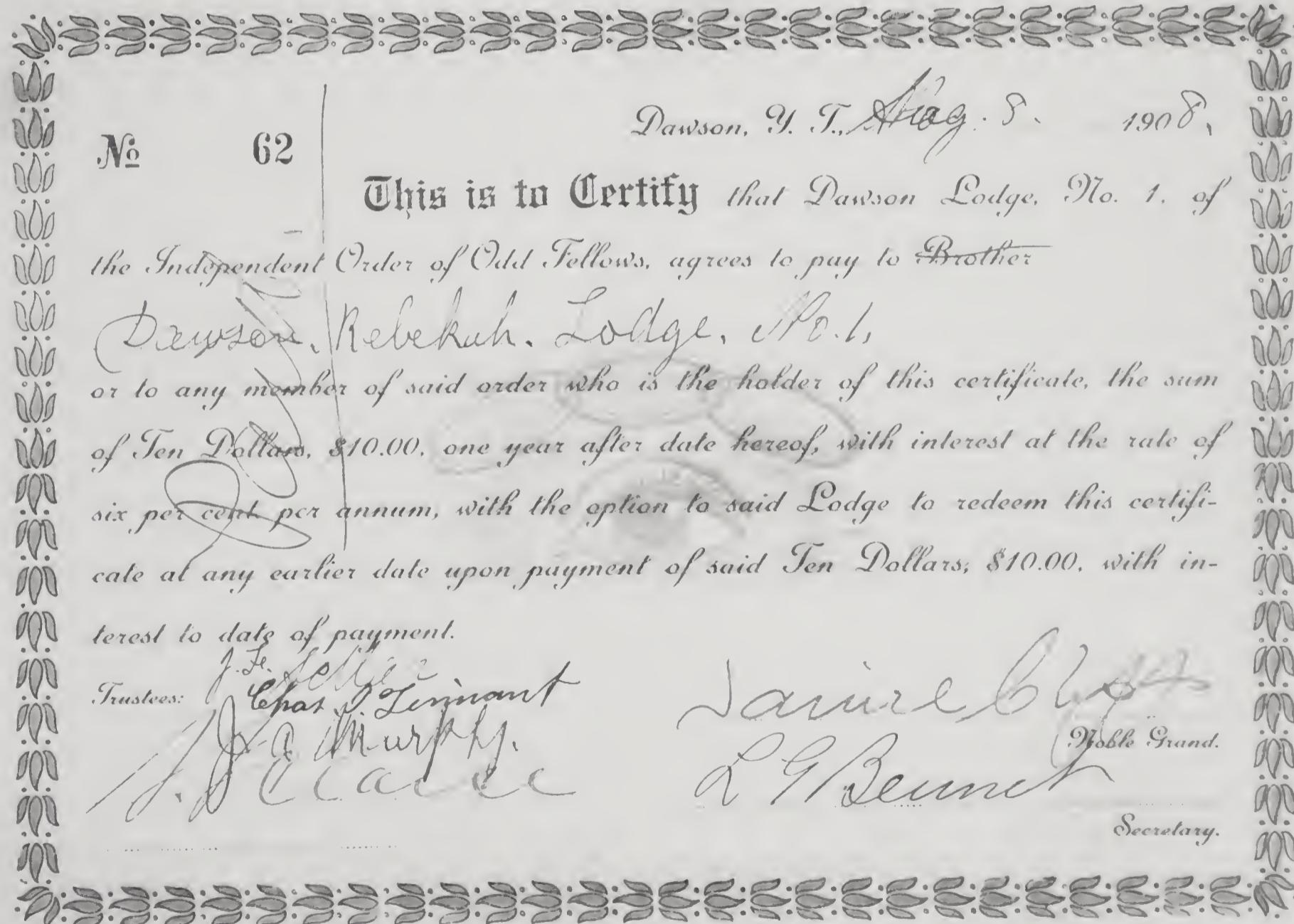
Postage on this is 50¢ over the reg-
ular \$1 charge so we can send un-
folded in suitable envelope with
stiffener.

ELSA, YUKON TERRITORY



Elsa Recreation Association drink
token, white on red plastic. Offered
on page 32, item number 621.

AGHHHHHHH. Seven pages this month.



LIST # 5B. SUPPLEMENT TO LIST #5.

See list #5 for terms of sale.

Items sold out from list #5 and #5A:
 018, 026, 028, 029, 040, 066, 067, 072, 081,
 082, 083, 085-090, 098, 100, 105, 106, 108,
 019, 111, 115, 122, 128, 133, 142, 143, 148,
 165, 169, 172, 179, 180, 182, 184, 187, 189,
 191, 205, 210, 212, 229, 230, 232, 236, 237,
 238, 247, 250, 251, 253, 254, 259, 263, 275,
 276, 303, 308, 321, 323, 325, 336, 340, 345,
 346, 351, 359, 360, 363, 364, 365, 369, 370,
 371, 385, 388, 397, 398, 402, 424, 425, 450,
 504, 505, 518, 519, 520, 522, 523, 527, 528,
 529, 535, 538, 544.

ANCHORAGE

601. Sourdough Bar, 25¢I/T, B-32B
 4.00
 602. As above, 70¢I/T, B-32C 4.00
 603. Fur Rendez., 1972 set of 2,
 sil & Brs. snowmobile 20.00
 ELMENDORF A.F.B.
 604. NCO Open Mess, \$1I/T B-2A
 4.00

FAIRBANKS

605. Fbks Curling Club, Internat
 tional Bon spiel wood, black
 ink. 1 drink 4.00

HOONAH

606. Icy Straits, \$1 I/T B-2D
 40.00

JUNEAU

607. AK Hotel, 12½¢I/T B-2B 65.00
 608. S.F. Bakery, 1 Loaf, B-58A
 27.50

KETCHIKAN

609. "P" 10 Points, B-34A 7.50

KODIAK

610. Solly's, 1 snort B-12A 3.00

MONTANA CREEK

611. M.C. Lodge, 1 Drink card, as
 lot 229, one only 1.75

NOME

612. Polet Stores, 25¢I/T B-38F
 13.00

613. As above, \$1I/T B-38I 15.00

SEWARD

614. Silver Salmon Derby, 1969
 35mm brz 4.50

SITKA

615. Pioneer Bar & Liquor, B-9a
 (lot 247, in stock again)
 7.50

SITKA (cont.)

616. 25th State Elks Conv. 40mm
 Alum 3.50
 SKAGWAY
 617. Elks, B-2B 12.00
 TELLER
 618. No. Star Merc., 25, 50¢, \$1
 I/T, B-2BCD 40.00
 ALASKA
 619. Encased Cent, J.C. Morris for
 Rep., 3rd Dist., Ter. of AK
 1946 1¢. Think this is Fbks.
 20.00

NORTHWEST TERR.

620. Explore Canada's Arctic, Polar
 Bear, 40mm brass, holed as
 made 6.00

ELSA, YUKON TERR.

621. E.R.A. (Elsa Rec. Assco.),
 1 drink, white on red plas.
 38mm, uniface 2.50

ALASKA SILVER INGOT

622. Kentucky Fried Chicken, $\frac{1}{4}$ oz.
 Dall sheep/Mt. McKinley 7.00
 SEATTLE (???)

623. Don's Alaskan Log Cabin, 10¢
 I/T, 18mm alum. pictorial
 token, shows log cabin 10.00

NOT RELATED BUT DIFFERENT

624. REP. of MINERVA, fantasy issue
 1oz of silver with 10 grains
 of 24K gold on relief. Issued
 by a group of US businessmen
 trying to colonize the Minerva
 reefs. King of Tonga took ex-
 ception and invaded. 50.00
 (proof, hairlined)

FALKLAND ISLANDS



625. Set of 3 coins, 1980 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pence,
 1 Pence and 2 Pence. all Unc.
 Tried to get others but not
 available or over priced. Have
 seen these offered at \$1.50 in
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P. O. BOX 42

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BOTTLED IN BOND

JAN - 5 1915

JUNEAU, ALASKA.

Two unlisted Juneau, Alaska tokens are shown here for the first time.

Letterhead of the "Old Stand Liquor Co., Inc." Juneau, Alaska

Compliments, Kaye Dethridge Sitka, Alaska



Aluminum



Studebacker & Bosch
Old Stand
 $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$
Juneau

Aluminum



Juneau Liquor Co.
 $12\frac{1}{2}\text{¢}$
(Juneau)

submitted by W.E. Nickell

North of 60°

South of 50°

EDITORIAL

This month is file cleaning month. Various items have been around for some time and it is time to use them.

No real articles this month. We have run out and are in need of more. We realize that summer is a bad time to do things like this, but it is also difficult for us. Both August and September will be short issue months unless we hear from you.

It is 75° (that's above zero) and your editor is real lazy, so all for this month.

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PRICES REALIZED

Bowers and Ruddy auction of the Clifford collection, March 18. Russian-America sealskin notes:

10 Kopeck, brn. VF	\$3200
10 Kopeck, Blk. choice VF	2600
25 Kopeck, choice VF	2300
50 Kopeck, EF	2300
1 Rouble, grn., VF	3000
1 Rouble, blk., AU	2800
10 Rouble, F	1600
25 Rouble, VF-EF	not sold

None went to Alaskans; all were bought by east coast paper money collectors. The unsold lot was an east coast consignment. The dealer had a reserve against it and the bids did not top the reserve so it went unsold. I don't know what the reserve bid was, but it was offered to me privately about a year ago for \$15,000. I considered this so far out of line that I did not make a counter-offer.

-Ron Benice

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FEEDBACK: NAHA, ALASKA

I have some information on the AK Salmon Packing and Fur Co. at Naha, AK in reference to the article on page 9 of the Feb., 1982 issue of ATC&PN. It was obtained mainly from the book THE SILVER YEARS OF THE ALASKA CANNED SALMON INDUSTRY, edited by Laurence Freeburn, 1976, Alaska Northwest Publ. Co., Box 4-EEE, Anchorage, AK 99509.

The ASPFC operated a cannery and saltery in the late 1800's at Loring, located some miles northwest and on the same island as Ketchikan. Loring is immediately adjacent to the Naha River and is situated on Naha Bay. The area at one time, was the main population center. I assume that at its beginnings the settlement was known as Naha. There is a photo of the saltery on page 14 of THE SILVER YEARS..., taken in 1885 or 1886.

Tables of cannery outputs from 1878-1897 show figures for ASPFC beginning in 1888 with 18,771 cases canned, the highest in southeast that year. It continued to be one of the top canneries for the years shown.

The next listing of the cannery on Naha Bay does not occur until 1908. This shows it was owned by the Alaska Packers Assoc. I do not know whether ASPFC was bought out, merged, or expanded with the name change. The saltery is listed as owned by H.E. Heckman, a prominent Ketchikan businessman of the time. So the note can be dated between 1888 and 1907 by this information.

-Jim Griffin

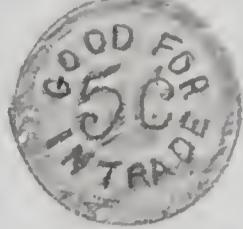
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NEBRASKA TRADE TOKEN RARITY LISTING:
I am in the process of updating the 1980 listing. If you collect Nebr. tokens, let me hear from you and I will send you check lists. George Hosek, 7411 Idledale, Omaha, NE 68112

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WANTED TO BUY: All types of Alaskana, from tokens and medals to post cards and license plates

INFORMATION REQUESTS



The Yukon Dogs, 5¢ I/T. Brass, 21mm
Sent in by Al Love.



Havana Cigar Store, J.M. Knudtson,
12½ Cigar. Les Hill sent this in and
reports that there was a cigar
store in Dawson run by a Peter A.
Knudtson around 1906. Can any one
report a connection?



D & D Cigar Store, 50¢ I/T, 28mm
alum. Lew Egnew does not think it
is connected with the D&D in Anch-
orage. Any one recognize it?

FOR THE RECORD, cont.



(FAIRBANKS, AK) (Grinder Machine
Arcade). Previously issued in brass,
now in white metal.



FAIRBANKS, AK: Royal Masters Laun-
dramat, brass, 23mm



FAIRBANKS, AK: Dee Jay's Disco.
Good for 1 drink or 1 admission.
Black on wood.



FAIRBANKS, AK: Jeff Studdert, AK
Pioneer, 1981, just released by the
Fbks. Coin Club. Issued in silver
and bronze sets, and single bronze.
The sets are 29.50 and the brz are
\$4.50 from N.S.A. Inc., P.O. Box
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ENCASED CENTS: We need the address
of a manufacturer for encased cents.
If you know of one, please write.



(FAIRBANKS, AK) (B & C Laundramat)
Brass, 22mm, identical to one in use
at Soapy's, reported 2/81.

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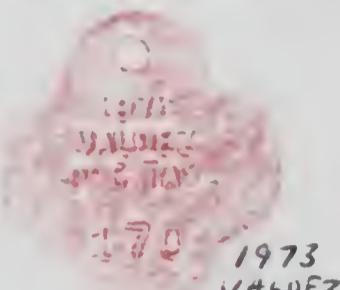


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DOG TAX TAGS
by
Virginia King
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Columbia City, IN 46725



(BRASS)

During the lean times in my Alaskan token collecting, I turn to my collection of dog tax tags (not rabies tags). In my collection are tags from almost every state, including Alaska. I also have some cat tags, and even a couple of horse tax tags.

Amoung my tags are those shaped like fire plugs, bones, dog's heads, bells and others. The oldest tag in my collection is 1893 (non-Alaskan). By scrounging around, I have managed to acquire tax tags from Juneau, Ketchikan, Fairbanks, Anchorage, and Nome, and others. (see rubbings). My goal is to obtain the oldest possible Alaskan tag.



1975
KENAI
DOG LICENSE
(BRASS)

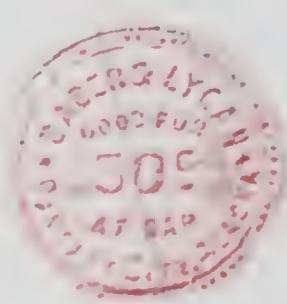


1973
CORCORAN
DOG TAX
(ALUMINUM)

We have an organization called International Society of Animal License Collectors (ISALC). As often as our editor, Roy Carson of Nevada, can get it together, our paper "Paw Prints" comes out. Our president is Dr. William Bone of Seminole, Fla., a veterinary.

Until I joined ISALC, I had no idea that cats were taxed anywhere. Horses are taxed the same as dogs in California and North Carolina. Any cat or horse tags from Alaska? How about "wolf" tax tags? A tag with "war dog" is reported. Any one have any information on this?

Dues to ISALC are \$5 per year, and this gets "Paw Prints" and free ads in each paper. Just contact me and I'll get your dues, etc. to the right party.



Mrs. King also sent in the rubbing of the token at the right. It is from Rampart City, issued by Baber and Lycan, successors to the A.M. & T. Co., Good for 50¢ at the Bar. Aluminum. Any information appreciated.

EDITORIAL

This month's article deals with a subject that many of you probably not too familiar with. Mrs. King provides us with some insight into this hobby, with her second article for ATC&PN.

No items are listed for sale in this issue. We will be leaving town on Aug. 10 for the National Collectibles Exposition in Boston (8/14-15). Will stay for the ANA the following week, and then travel around New England looking for Alaskan and Yukon material. Will not be back in the shop until September 1st.

The National Collectibles Exposition will be held August 14 and 15 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. There will be a 128 booth bourse, and at least 3 public auctions. We will have booth #27, just to the left of the front entrance. Hope to see many of you there.

The ANA convention is August 17 to 22. It is to be held at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel. Many meetings and events are planned. The only one that your editor must attend is the Numismatics International general meeting on Friday. Will probably attend a few other functions, and spend a lot of time on the floor of the bourse.

September's issue will go in the mail after our return. Hopefully, will have some news about the two shows and maybe a new item or two for sale (actually, better be more than an item or two!).

All for this month.

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PUMP HOUSE AN HISTORIC SITE

From the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

The Chena Pump House restaurant (see June 1981 issue of ATC&PN) has been named to the National Register of Historic Places, the Interior Department's official list of properties worthy of preservation for their significance in American history.

The wood frame, metal-clad structure was built originally to house water pumps for the sluicing of gold in dredging operations, during gold mining days at Cripple Creek. It pumped 6,000 gallons a minute of Chena River water from 1933 to about 1958.

Owner operator Bill Bubbel converted it into a restaurant and lounge, and last year added an outdoor deck. Bubbel also purchased and brought to Alaska a double-decker bus, which was used last season to transport tourists to the Pump House.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, who pushed for the historical designation, said, "The Pump House serves as a link with Alaska's colorful past, when the gold fields of Fairbanks drew thousands of prospectors and inspired a rich and enduring folklore. As development in Alaska accelerates, there is a vital need to preserve our historical properties and sites."

The Pump House was nominated as a state historic site in 1979, and was recommended by the Alaska Historic Sites Advisory Committee to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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FOR THE RECORD



DELTA JUNCTION: Wind-Tunnel Lounge
at Kelly's Motel Good for one
drink. Black on wood



DOUGLAS: M.S. Hudson, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ I/T. Var. of the one shown in Dethridge, not illustrated in Benice. Douglas is on a straight line, and cents is spelled out. (Lew Egnew)



FAIRBANKS: Dairy Queen, Gift Cert. for Regular Sundae. Part of "Full meal deal". Stamped on back University Dairy Queen, 734 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701. Black on lime green. (illustrated at bottom of left column).

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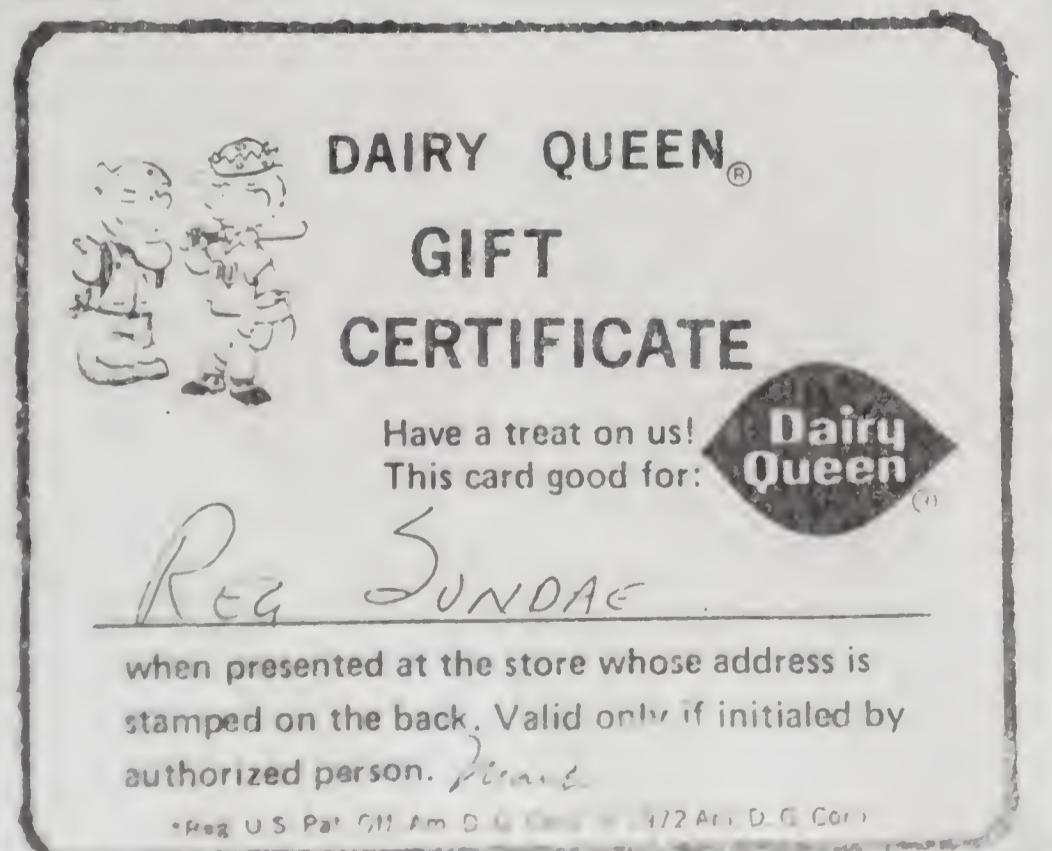


SITKA: Anchor Taxi Company, Good
for 50¢ I/T. Brass, 28mm.
(Wil Courtney)

COMMITTEE TO DESIGN FALKLAND
CAMPAIGN MEDAL.

From Coin World; Civilian and military personnel involved in the operations to recover the Falkland Islands for the U.K. will receive a Falklands campaign medal, according to Def. Sec. John Nott.

An advisory committee will design the medal. Among the members on the committee is Prince Philip. The medals would be struck at the Royal Mint, Llantrisant.



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EADIE, QUEEN OF THE KENAI
by
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Tonight is the 30th anniversary of Eadie's Frontier Club in Kenai. There's a free buffet that boasts beef, turkey, moose, salmon, sausage, and a dozen other treats. There's free, 100 proof Alaska punch. There's music, there's dancing and, of course, there's Eadie.

She's not a young woman any more. She built a business in the wilderness and worked it until it prospered. She homesteaded 160 acres at the end of the North Road. She's acquired wealth and property. She's battled cancer and won. She doesn't have to dance burlesque for a living any more. But tonight the house is packed and she will dance once again.

"Everyone expects me to do it," Eadie explained earlier in the week before her performance, "and as long as I'm here, I'll keep doing it."

Eadie's been dancing stripteases since she ran away from home in Youngstown, Ohio, and change her name from Eitha Chenlikas to Eadie Sutton at the age of 14. She's not a young woman any more, but her life has been full and she wouldn't change a bit of it.

After a brief spell as a dancer in a Miami nightclub she headed for Panama where she earned a living entertaining American servicemen stationed in the Canal Zone.

In 1946 there were still lots of lonely servicemen stationed in the Territory (of Alaska) and work was not hard to come by for a girl with Eadie's looks and Eadie's talent.

"The first day I hit Anchorage," she says, "I got myself a job at the South Seas." She also worked the Bel Air and the Green Lantern before moving on to Fairbanks, where she performed at the Hills Bar and Casablanca.

In the years that followed she worked clubs, flew to remote fish camps and danced for lonely, appreciative soldiers at outposts all over Alaska. She was a regular one-woman USO show.

After a brief stint in the restaurant business, Eadie found the opportunity she'd been looking for. Construction of (continued on page 41)

EDITORIAL

This issue is a bit late because your editor was in New England on a buying trip. This included the National Collectibles Exposition in Boston on August 14 and 15, and the ANA Convention the following week. Also visited approximately 100 shops looking for Alaskan material, with little results.

Over 100 dealers were at the NCE, and more than 1000 paid to examine the goods that were sale. Our table was fairly quite, with sales at a minimum. Except for one small hoard of tokens, there were few purchase.

We did meet several people that we have known only through the mail. Ron Benice was in attendance. As most of you know, Ron is the author of "Alaska Tokens". Had a very enjoyable visit with Ron. Les Burzinski was there in the employ of Kurt Krueger. Les is working on a reference on Alaska Yukon Pacific material (anything and everything). Any of you have AYPE item should contact Les.

Met sevearl other short time and long time subscribers, and some former subscribers.

Paul Cunningham, Rich Hartzog and Joel Rezneck are to be commended for organizing such a fine event.

The ANA was over-whelming in the amount of material there, and the lack of Alaskan material. Charles Arceneau (the Minter of our Lathrop H.S. girls JV basketball mini-medals was there hand striking a medal marking this years convention.

Travelling around New England, we found very little in the way of Alaskan collectibles. A few post-cards and books, and that was about all. These pieces, and the small haord of tokens will be offered on our next price list.

EADIE (continued)

serving as a buffer between the citizens and the hard living men who inhabited the nearby construction camps during the town's many booms.

In 1973 Eadie's helth began to fail. The nights got longer and it got harder and harder to smile at the strangers downstairs. Doctors determined that she was dying of cancer. Major surgery followed. So did radiation treatment and chemotherapy. She was in and out of hospitals for more than five years.

But the girl who worked herself up and out ot an Ohio steel town survived. Thoughts of her son - the product of an unsuccessful second marriage, kept her hoing. "He gave me the extra energy, the extra spirit I needed to survive." Her recent check-ups have been good ones. "They haven't found any sign of any more cancer," she says. "I'm all right now. I can dance as much as I used to."

ANOTHER "YUKON" MAVERICK



Al Love sends us this 21mm, brass token. Any one have any idea where it is from. A neat item for any Alaskan or Yukon collection.

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Canadian Corr.- Jerry Remick

NSA is always in the market for any type of Alaskan material: Post cards, books, newspapers, paper goods and of course tokens and medals.

EADIE (continued)

Wildwood Air Force Base, a Communications outpost near the small fishing village of Kenai, had just begun. There were sure to be plenty of lonely soldiers, and if Eadie had learned anything in the past 10 years, it was how to please lonely soldiers.

Mud, mud, mud. The road north of town was a series of deep mud holes connected by well traveled ruts. Transportation over it, even in a Jeep or a big Army six-wheeler, was a dubious venture. But Eadie knew location was important to the success of any business, and if being close to the base - close enough so the soldiers could walk to her club - meant living at the end of that muddy thoroughfare, so be it.

She found the spot she wanted, not far from the base gate, and paid a dear price for it. At the time, 1951, it was probably the most expensive little piece of unimproved real estate in all of Kenai. Her 300 by 400 foot lot cost \$8500.

Building the club was a struggle. Materials were expensive and hard to come by, as well as difficult to transport through the mud. And electricity, well, you could forget about it if you didn't make your own. Even more discouraging, people said her business would never make it, that it would fold within a month of opening. It was tough, but not too tough for a firl who'd grown up in the streets of Youngstown, Ohio. A year later, in May of 1952, she was ready for business. Thanks to the soldiers, business boomed. She couldn't get rid of them, so she hired hostesses and dancers and stayed open 24 hours a day.

On the Kenai, boom followed boom. In '57 the Richfield Oil Company discovered oil in the Kenai moose range, and development of the Swanson River Field - the first in Alaska to produce large quan-

tities of oil - followed. There were new finds in the Cook Inlet and south of Kenai drillers found huge stores of natural gas. Standard Oil of California build a small refinery in North Kenai and next door, work on a world class ammonia plant began.

Every find meant new development, and each new development meant an influx of worker: construction workers who lived in camps near their jobs, workers who wanted a friendly place to go when it was quitting time.

Eadie prospered. Her 300 foot by 400 foot lot along the Spur Highway became an 11.5 acre tract. She added an extra 40 feet to her night club, and new rooms to the hotel upstairs.

The Frontier Club is said to be the oldest continuously operated business in Kenai. It's also been rumored that the business has thrived and survived through the practice of the world's oldest profession.

The rumors are understandable. Put a bar and a strip joint on the ground floor of any hotel, and folks will automatically come to that conclusion. People in Kenai are no different from people anywhere else. They've been talking and wondering about Eadie and her club sinec the day she opened for business 30 years ago. Stories about \$100 bottles of champagne, beautiful women, and hard drinking sailors, fisherman and roughnecks have become part of Kenai folklore.

When townfolk returned home from a local production of the award winning musical, "The Ballad of Kenai," all the old-timers knew the character of Kitty - the frontier madam - had been modeled after Eadie.

There are those in Kenai who are quick to condemn a place with a reputation like the Frontier Club's. There are also those who believe that even if the rumors are true, the club has provided a community service by

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DAWSON, YUKON - 1982

Dick Hanscom

After wanting to go to Dawson for several years, Jan (my wife) and I finally had the opportunity to do so. A collection of coins was for sale in another town, so we made the loop up to Dawson, down to Whitehorse, and back to Fairbanks.

We left Fairbanks after closing the store Thursday night. Heading out of town, we stopped at Kentucky Fried Chicken to get supper to go. Sorry to destroy any illusions about unspoiled Alaska; we have McDonalds and Burger King, with Wendy's under construction, too! We drove until we were 20 miles from Tok. The road was under repair and had turned to gravel. It was getting dark (as dark as it gets around Fairbanks in mid-July), so we decided to camp for the night, and face the 20 miles of gravel road in the morning.

The next morning, we drove to Tok, filled up with gas, and headed for the Taylor Highway. Highway does not properly describe the two lane, gravel road that runs north and east from Tetlin Jct. to Dawson. We've driven most highways in Alaska, and this one makes the other two lane, gravel highways, like the Steese and Elliot, look like super-highways. The road is hilly and winding, and very narrow. With barely enough room for two cars to pass, it is even more fun with a berm pile from a grader in the middle of the road. Too high to straddle, if it is not in the middle, it is either drive on top of it or head for the ditch.

Up and down, and around, Chicken is 66 miles up the highway from Tetlin Jct. Chicken is your typical Alaskan one gas station, one store, one bar town.

The border, with customs stations is 43 miles past Chicken. Isolated is the word for this outpost. Barren, exposed to all the elements also help give the idea. It is a good thing that the road is closed in winter, as it is doubtful that the area around the border could be kept open.

About 30 miles past the boundary is the road to Clinton Creek, site of an abandoned asbestos mine. Since we left our "Milepost" at home, we did not drive to Clinton Creek.

From this point, the road appears to have been kept open in the winter for trucks hauling asbestos. The edges of the road are marked, and there is an abandoned road maintenance camp just off the highway. In this area, the road seems to go along ridgetops, exposed to the wind. At points that are especially exposed, windbreaks are up



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North of 60° ————— South of 50°

EDITORIAL

This month has been a mad house in the store. Bullion sales have been up, as have most other areas.

We have some items that we brought back from Dawson with us. Others were picked up at the National Collectibles Expo. and the ANA.

Of particular interest are the McCreedy and Elliot tokens offered. We picked up seven complete sets and about 15 singles. The \$10 was an R7 token, but no more, as there were 9 in this hoard. These should go fast, as only 2 sets remain unspoken for.

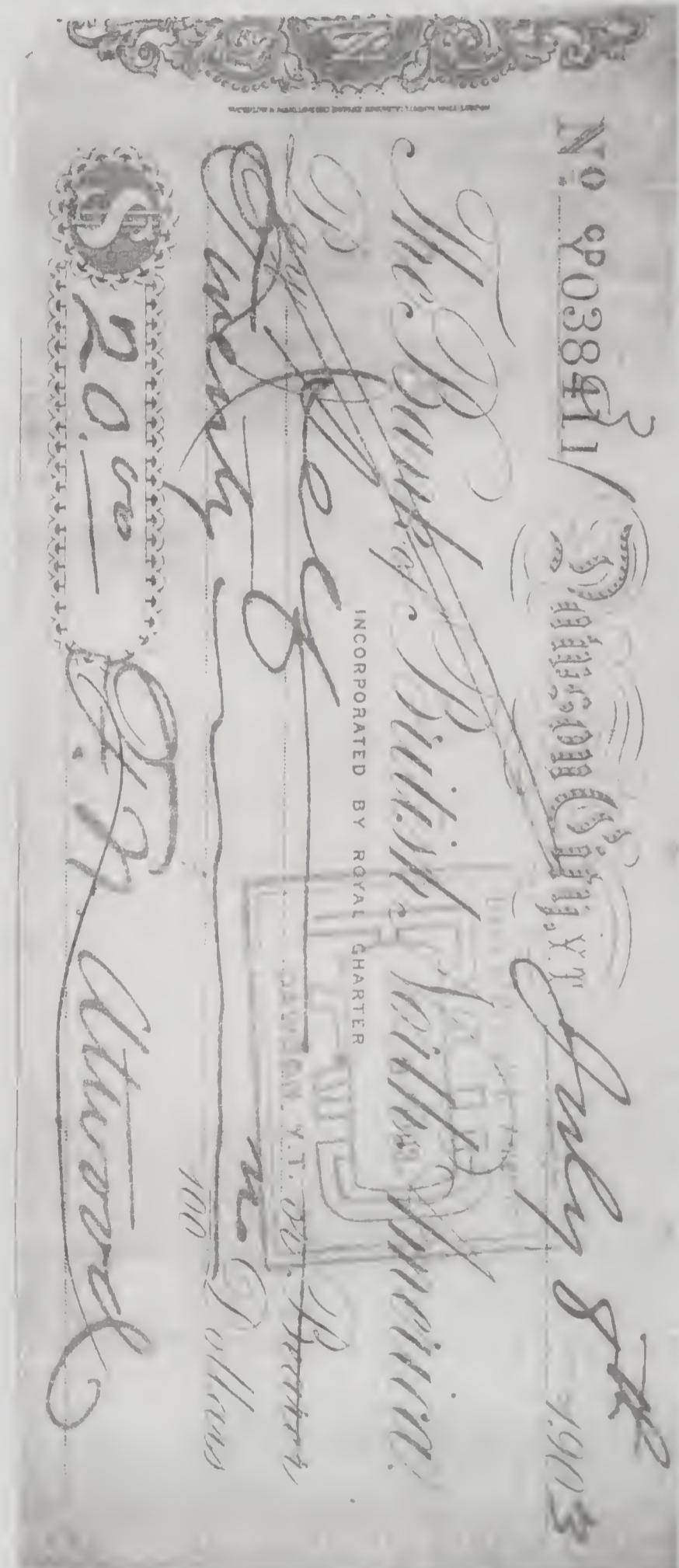
We are currently having produced a large, 3" bronze medal of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad. This will be struck from an old die that we bought in Seattle. More information in the next issue of ATC&PN.

Speaking of the WP&Y RR, they are shutting down for the winter. The major customers of the WP&Y are the mines, and most are shut down. The Cyprus Anvil lead-zinc mine in Faro will not re-open as scheduled this fall; The Keno Hill silver mine closed in mid-summer; and the Cassier Mines (asbestos, we think) shut down two mines last summer and is now operating on a reduced production basis. On top of all this, the Whitehorse Copper Mine is scheduled to close in December when they run out of ore. Needless to say, things are bleak in the Yukon this winter. The WP&Y will re-open for the summer tourist traffic.

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DAWSON CITY CHECKS

Below is a sample of the checks offered in lot 725 of the price list on page 46. These are not here yet, but should be by the time you get this.



DAWSON, cont.

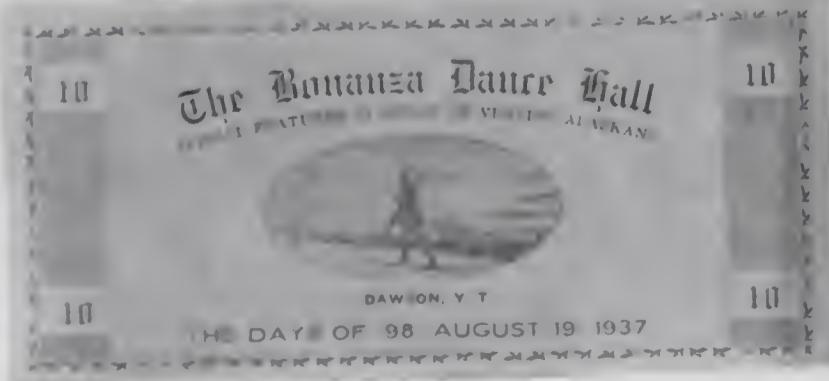
to help stop the drifting snow.

The road continues at high elevations until a few miles from Dawson, then descends rapidly to the Yukon River. With Dawson on the other side, it is just a short wait for the free ferry.

We crossed the Yukon, and arrived in Dawson about 4:30. We used the first couple of hours to ride and walk around Dawson to locate places we wanted to see on Saturday. Then, at 8PM, Diamond Tooth Gertie's opened.

Diamond Tooth Gertie's is Canada's only legal gambling casino. Games of chance included roulette, black-jack, crown & anchor, and one high stakes poker table. No one armed bandits here, as the games are only those that thrived during the gold rush. The building that houses Diamond Tooth Gertie's was originally the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, constructed between 1898 and 1902. It was taken over by the Eagles in 1926. Diamond Tooth Gertie's is run by the Klondike Visitors Association. Funds raised are used to help preserve Dawson. After leaving Diamond Tooth Gertie's, we headed out along Bonanza Creek and found a place to camp.

On Saturday, we walked around Dawson. We spent several hours at the museum. The staff was very helpful when I wanted to photograph a piece of scrip from the Bonanza Dance Hall, Days of '98, used August 19, 1937.



(photo reduced)

Unfortunately, this was the only

item observed of numismatic interest.

Dawson still boast many historic buildings, thanks to the local citizens and to Parks Canada. The Masonic Temple, Odd Fellows Hall, and Dawson Daily News building are still standing, but vacant. The Midnight Sun building (home of another Dawson newspaper) now houses a restaurant, the Monte Carlo building is home to a gift shop, and the Flora Dora Hotel looks like it is now apartments. A tourist paper states that the building that housed the Red Feather Saloon was built around 1902 and operated as "The MacDonald Saloon" until 1909 when its name changed to "The Hub". In 1914 it became the Red Feather Saloon until 1917 when prohibition closed all saloons.



Flora Dora Hotel, Front St.

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DAWSON, cont.



Red Feather Saloon
Corner Prince & 3rd Ave.



Monte Carlo - Front St.

Saturday evening we went to the play, "The Truth Will Out", held at the Gaslight Follies, in the old Palace Grand Theatre. This building was built by wild west showman Arizona Charlie Meadows, and first opened for business in July of 1899 as the Grand Opera House.

After the play, it was back to Diamond Tooth Gertie's to further contribute to the preservation of Dawson. For our two nights, we figure we donated about \$40. Not bad for two evenings of entertainment, mostly watching the other people, and Diamond Tooth Gertie and the Gertie Girls!

About 10PM we left Dawson and started down the road to Whitehorse. We drove for about an hour, til the road deteriorated to one pot

hole after the other. We pulled off the road into a gravel pit to camp.

Sunday took us all the way to Whitehorse. Despite a very rough ride (probably caused by heavy rains), it was very enjoyable. The terrain ranged from flat, scrubby permafrost to tall birches and spruce. The turnoff at the Five Finger Rapids was very impressive also.

We spent Sunday night in a hotel in Whitehorse (ah, a hot shower), and spent most of Monday walking around town. Of particular interest was the MacBride Museum, with a small but interesting display of numismatic material. I photographed several items "through the glass" since no one with authority to remove them from the case was present. Unfortunately, due to glare and poor light conditions, these are not printable.

Late in the afternoon, we headed back to Fairbanks. The road north of Whitehorse is in very fine shape and it was easy driving. We were trying to decide if we should stop for the night, or drive all the way when the truck died. The battery slid forward in its bracket, and shorted out. By the time we got it fixed, it was decided for us that it was a night to camp again.

On Tuesday, it was just a "short" six hour drive back to Fairbanks.



Diamond Tooth Gertie's

LIST #5C. SUPPLEMENT TO LIST #5.

See list #5 for terms of sale.

DAWSON CITY, YUKON

701. Diamond Tooth Gerties, 50¢ chip, SH-Y190F 5.00
 702. As above, \$1 chip SH-190G 4.50
 703. As above, 50¢ chip, brown, style of Y190I (cards and dice boarder) new type 2.50
 704. As above, \$1 lavender 3.00
 705. As above, \$5 orange 9.00
 706. Diamond Jubilee, 1977, SH-YM5 nickel; obv. town seal, rev. map, gold pan, pick and shovel 4.50
 707. Dawson Dollar, 1973, SH-Y165b in card of issue, noting 75th Anniversary of Klondike Gold Rush, formation of the Yukon Terr., the Yukon Field Force, The White Pass & Yukon Route, The Sisters of St. Anne in the Yukon, and the 100th Anniver. of the R.M.C.P. (covered everything, didn't they) 4.50
 * * * AN OLDIE * * *

708. Hutton & Pearse, Pure Liquors Only. "Souvenir Clean Up, For (2 horse bits)" Gold pan, pick and axe. Nice copper piece, 30mm 75.00
 (Trades invited on this one)

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

709. Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous, 1975 trade dollar, SH-Y955a Obv. man on snowshoes, Rev. is dog team 2.00
 710. SH-YM8, Whitehorse, Hub of the Yukon (helicopter, train, plane, riverboat, truck), rev. Yukon, Land of Promise (miner and dog) 5.00
 711. 1979 Whitehorse dog license. Brass, shape like dog house numbered 2.25

ANCHORAGE

712. The Club 12½¢I/T B-11B, bent and corroded 20.00

BARROW

713. Tony's Rec., 25¢I/T nicks 30.00

CHISANA

714. Lou Anderton, 50¢I/T B-1B 20.00

FAIRBANKS

715. City Trans., 1 Fare, B-T4A 6.00

KETCHIKAN

716. White Cab Co., 1 Stage Fare B-T5aII 6.00

SKAGWAY

717. McCreedy & Elliot, set of 7, from 5¢ to \$10. Aluminum tokens are not bad, the brass are dark and rough. The brass will buff up nicely and retone if carried in your pocket for several weeks. 125.00

718. As above, 10¢ only B-15B 10.00

719. As above, 25¢ only B-15C 10.00

720. As above, 50¢ only B-15D 15.00

721. As above, \$1 only B-15E 15.00

722. As above, \$5 only B-15F 20.00

723. As above, \$10 only B-15G 25.00

VALDEZ

724. Pinzon, 15¢I/T B-14cII 20.00

DUE IN BUT NOT HERE YET

DAWSON CITY, YUKON

725. The Bank of British North America, check from early 1900's Two samples in our posession are dated 1903 and 1908. These are green with wavy background pattern. Sample is on page 43. At least 2 color variations are known. Should be here any day, so orders will be accepted at \$9.00 per check

All prices are in US funds, and payment in US funds must accompany your order. Postage is \$1 per order, or SASE, sent at your risk. Orders over \$10 will not be sent SASE.

Orders to Canada are sent at your risk, unless \$2 is enlcosed for postage. No regular insurance to Canada, only registration and minimum charge at the P.O. is \$3.30

All payments should be made to NSA. All for this month.

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THE ODD ONES

by
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Good for an armload of wood? An outhouse token? A gold nugget token from Haines? Do these exist?

The reported Big Dutch tokens from Nome were supposed to have been good for an armload of wood. He also issued a water ticket. Unfortunately the information on these is sketchy. The privy token is also from Nome. The steamboats that plied the Yukon used a great amount of wood. Some of this was paid for in scrip. Wood cutting was a winter job that paid off when the ice left the Yukon. The hope token issued by A.F. Davis was good for a smile. A smile was a small bottle of whiskey.

The odd and unusual will probably always command a great interest. In one conversation with the late Ed Keithahn, the then Curator of the Alaska Territorial Museum, he said probably over 5,000 of these "bingles" had been struck. While he was saying this I was eyeing a 1902 water punch card from Nome on the wall behind him. His estimate is probably within the ballpark.

Old A.G.M. Co. (Alaska Gastineau Mining Co.) records show that in 1915 tokens were ordered for the Juneau Billiard Co. Of the 1500 aluminum 12½¢, 8 to 10 are known. Of the 500 \$1.00 tokens, none are known. The above figures show that the bingles were originally minted in fair numbers. The cost was minimal. In one of Harry Brown's letters to me he stated he had \$500 worth made at a cost of \$35.00. This was in the early 1930's.

The worthless status of the tokens is past. In the early stages of the collecting of tokens the phrase "I threw them out years ago" was often encountered. This was true. I have found tokens in dumps and bought others found in dumps by other people. Depending on ground conditions, these can be in remarkably good condition. The heart-breaker can be the fellow who found the one good one, showed it around and promptly lost it.

You never know what will come along tomorrow. But you, the collector, can help bring them out on the woodwork by your interest and enthusiasm.



Here is a neat little piece, strongly resembling the NWC Co. tokens. These are probably slot machine tokens, as some believe the NWC Co tokens are. Wonder where the Polar Bear was?

EDITORIAL

As I sit to write this, I must realize that this month's issue is going to be late again. Fortunately, I do not think it will be as late as last month.

This month will be a small issue, only 3 pages.* Hopefully, next month will be larger, and on time.

So, in keeping with this month's short issue, this blurb will be short. *MADE IT TO 5 PGS.!!

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NEBRASKA TOWN LISTING AVAILABLE

George Hosek has compiled a rarity listing for Nebraska town tokens. For those of you interested in tokens other than those covered in this newsletter, this is an excellent reference. While it will not tell you if a specific token is rare, it will tell you if your token from such and such a town is likely to be a better one based on the number of total tokens from that town.

Copies of this 21 page reference can be obtained from George Hosek, 7411 Idledale Lane, Omaha, Nebraska 68112. The price is \$5.00 postpaid.

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TUKAK' TEATRET PERFORMS IN FBKS.

Tukak' Teatret performed their one act play "Inuit" in Fairbanks on Oct. 27th. Tukak' Teatret is a professional Inuit (Eskimo) theater group from Greenland, now based in Denmark.

The play was done completely in the Inuit language, with no translation. At the beginning, there was a brief summation of what the play was trying to put across. Regardless of the pre-play publicity and rave reviews from elsewhere, your reviewer was unmoved.

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FORT ST. JOHN TRADE DOLLAR, 1982.

Fort St. John, B.C. has issued a trade dollar to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the building of the Alaska Highway, a 2,400 kilometer road built over muskeg and mud from Dawson Creek, B.C. to Fairbanks, AK. The obverse side of the dollar shows the route followed by the highway in B.C., Yukon, and Alaska. Fort St. John's city crest is depicted on the other side.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 put the west coast of the U.S. and Canada, and all of Alaska open to possible invasion by the Japanese, so defense of the coastline was of paramount importance in the early years of the war. The American govt. made arrangements with the Canadian government that it would build the highway and foot the bill, turning over the road to the Canadian govt. 6 months after the war ended. On March 1, 1942, the start of some 10,000 American troops and 6,000 volunteers began constructing the road. Nine months later, on November 20, 1942 the highway was officially opened.

Twenty months of celebrations started in towns along the road in March 1982 and will continue through October 1983. A program of events is available from the same address as the trade dollar (below).

Sherritt Mint struck 25,000 specimens on 33mm nickel-bonded-steel blanks. Gold and silver specimens are available on a pre-paid basis. Nickel-bonded-steel specimens are available at \$1.75 U.S. postpaid from Fort St. John & District Chamber of Commerce, box 6067, Fort St. John, B.C., CANADA V1J 4H6

-Jerry Remick



TUKAK' TEATRET, continued.

"Inuit" was a dramatization (if it can be called that) of the oppression and liberation of the people of Greenland. Thinly disguised as the "white spirit," the white man forced the Eskimo to accept the ways of our civilization, while another spirit sets them free. A very simplistic plot.

What the play lacks in plot and understandability, it makes up for it in the masks used in the play to represent the spirits and oppression. Masks are recognized as an art form themselves, and those used in the production certainly qualify.

While the play was an overall disappointment, I can recommend seeing it if it comes to your area. The group is currently touring Alaska, Canada, and the USA.

CAPITAL MOVE ELECTION

Today, Alaska votes on moving the capital. Actually, we vote on if we are willing to spend \$3 Billion on the move.

Sides have been taken, and we should find out tonight if it is to be.

One humorous sideline to the issue is a group called the NFL-Access Committee (parodying the Capital Access Committee, a pro-move group). The NFL-Access Committee wants the state to buy the National Football League, instead of moving the capital. Stating that "Texas Can't Do It" (the CAC stated, with questionable facts, that Texas moved its capital), the NFL-AC wants to move the NFL to Alaska, and let other states or countries move their capitals. "Texas may have America's team, but we'll have America's league!" the NFL-AC states.



Also of interest are the \$3 Billion sponges pictured at left and below. We have a very limited amount of these available for \$3 plus SASE. Not a bad deal - \$1 per billion!!

(FRONT)

(BACK)



ELECTION REPORT

Capital Move

Yes - 47.7%

*No - 52.2%

Tundra Rebellion

*Yes - 72.7%

No - 27.2%

Governor

Randolph (L) - 14.6%

Fink (R) - 37.9%

*Sheffield (D) - 45.6%

Vogler (AIP) - 1.5%

NEW EDITION OF CANADIAN TRADE DOLLAR CHECK LIST

"Canadian Trade Dollars," 1983 edition by Su Nadin-Davis was released on July 21 and is available at \$2 postpaid from Su Nadin-Davis, Box 95, Station A, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1N 8V1.

The 20 page Checklist is printed on $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ inch pages and is bound with a stiff orange cover. The edition is limited to 200 copies. This is the 3rd edition of this check list, the 2nd edition being released in mid-1981. The check list includes all issues of municipal Canadian trade dollars (the 1st trade dollar was issued in 1960, the 1st 50¢ in 1958). Trade 25¢, 50¢, \$2, and \$5 are also listed.

The trade dollars are listed alphabetically by issuing municipality and date under the province or territory in which the municipality is situated. Thus, the listing is of use to the collector who wishes to collect the trade dollars of one province or territory. A bracket before each entry enables the collector to place a check mark if he/she has the piece. All 1982 issues are included.

For the 1st time in any check list of Canadian trade dollars, restrikes are indicated by an asterisk following the date for those issues which have been restruck. A complete listing of restrikes, including the metal of the restrike, is given in a separate listing at the end of the booklet.

Supplementary check lists at the end of the booklet have been made to cover the following: Private issues of trade dollars, plated issues (with separate lists for bronze, copper, gold, rhodium and silver), minor die varieties, trade note issues and restrikes. Gold and silver issues are not listed; they are of little

interest to most collectors. Mintages are given where known for plated issues and trade note issues.

Annotation by R, RR, RRR indicate the degree of rarity for some of the key pieces. Valuations are indicated for a few issues.

Su Nadin-Davis has been collecting trade dollars for several years and has an almost complete collection. With her husband Paul, the firm of Nadin-Davis Numismatics of Ottawa has been issuing price lists of trade dollars for sale for the past few years.

HISTORIC RESOURCES IN THE FBKS. NO. STAR BOROUGH, a report prepared for the F.N.S.B. Planning Dept. by Janet Matheson & F. Bruce Haldeman.

This is a paper bound book detailing the historical resources in the Fbks. area.

Areas of historical interest covered are archaeology, native history, early trails (Bonnifield, Gilmore, Circle, Valdez, and Chena Hot Springs) riverboats, Railroads (Tanana Valley, Alaska), mining, University of AK, farming, and aviation.

While of little use to the token collector, it is of great interest to the token collector who is also a history buff. Brief historical sketches are given for many items that relate to Alaskan numismatics.

Considerable emphasis is placed on the mining aspect of the Fairbanks area. Mining history and methods are discussed. The roadhouses and other establishments that served the gold camps are examined. The mines themselves, the settlements (Olnes and old Chatanika). The list goes on.

We have a limited supply of these available from NSA for \$8 plus \$2 postage.

FOR THE RECORD



CORDOVA: Empress Cigar Stand, 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c I/T, brass, 21mm (lew Egnew)



DOUGLAS CITY: P.H. Fox Bakery, Good for 1 Loaf of Bread, brass, 24mm (Alan Weinberg)



KOTZEBUE: Ferguson Stores, 50c I/T, with "D" counterstamped. (Lew Egnew)



JUNEAU: J. McLoughlin, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢, in white metal, not brass as listed. (Lew Egnew)



JUNEAU: J.D. Meyer, good for 25¢ Cigar, BBC reverse, 25mm, brass. (Lew Egnew)



NOME: Exchange Saloon, J.A. Cooper, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c I/T, 27mm oct. brass. Listed in 1901-02 directory. (Lew Egnew)



HOONAH: Hoonah Packing Co., 50c I/T. 3 different die varieties. (Lew Egnew and Alan Weinberg).



TENAKEE HOT SPRINGS: Early & Co., 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c I/T, brass, 22mm (Alan Weinberg)



MAVERICK: A.H. Baker's Cigar Store, brass, 21mm. Send info to ATC&PN.



BRASS TAG: Found around Council or Haycock, AK. Mason-Walsh-Atkinson-Kier Co. Info to ATC&PN

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1982 TRADE DOLLAR
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NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
by
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So far, 82 Canadian municipalities have issued 1982 trade dollars. No trade dollars were issued in the Yukon Territory this year.

Yellowknife was the only municipality in the Northwest Territories to issue a trade dollar in 1982 (see above). Their 1982 dollar is again issued for their annual Caribou Carnival. 5,000 specimens were struck by the Sherritt Mint in nickel-bonded steel. Diameter is 33mm.

Labrador City (situated in the Labrador part of Newfoundland) issued a 1982 trade dollar to mark the Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games. Mintage is 10,000, struck by the Sherritt mint on 33mm nickel-bonded steel blanks. 300 Gold-plated specimens were made but are sold out.



Corner Brook, Newfoundland issued their second trade dollar. Their 1982 dollar shows a train, the Newfie Bullet on one side and the well known Newfoundland dog on the other side. I believe the mintage was 40,000. The pieces were struck by the Sherritt Mint on 33mm nickel-bonded steel blanks.

Gander, situated in the Labrador part of Newfoundland, issued the first in a series of dollars depicting famous war planes that once flew from its well known air fields. Gander's crest is on the other side of the dollar. The Sherritt Mint struck these on 33mm nickel-bonded steel blanks.

The St. John's Chamber of Commerce issued their first trade dollar. Some 35,000 specimens were struck by the Sherritt Mint on 33mm nickel-bonded steel blanks. The landing of John Cabot at St. John's in 1497 is depicted on the obverse and the city crest is on the reverse. The dollar is very popular and almost sold out.

To mark their 25th anniversary, the New-
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EDITORIAL

With this issue, we complete our 4th year of bringing you the Alaskan Token Collector and Polar Numismatist. It has been very enjoyable, but the deadlines can be a drag, especially when I don't make it. Your patience is appreciated.

Subscriptions are now due from most of you. With the subscription blank is a questionnaire. Please take a few minutes to look it over and fill it out. Return with subscription (hopefully, but not necessary).

Our White Pass & Yukon Railroad medal will be ready soon. Since this first striking is limited to 100, suggest you reserve your today.

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foundland and Labrador Credit Union issued 25,000 trade dollars. The dollar was struck by the Sherritt Mint on 33mm blanks in nickel-bonded steel. The emblem of the Credit Union is on one side.

The least expensive and surest way of getting these dollars is from dealer Jim Quinn, Box 291, Newcastle, New Brunswick, Canada, E1V 3M4. They are \$1.75 each or 5 different for \$1.60 each. I should mention that the Labrador City trade dollar is \$3.50 and not \$1.75 as specimens were sold out before dealers could get supplies. In addition, Jim offers a bonus of any Charlottetown, P.E.I. trade dollar issued from 1978 to 1982 for 12¢ for each 12 trade dollars ordered. It is his 12th anniversary this year. Jim's Sept.-Oct. price list is 10 pages long with 2 pages devoted to a descriptive listing of 1982 trade dollars, and he has them all for sale.

If you want to write to the issuing municipality for dollars, here is the data.

Gander Chamber of Commerce
Attn. Lloyd Jones
Box 159
Gander, Nfld. (send \$1.50)
CANADA A1V 1W6

Corner Brook C of C
Attn. Alex Walling
Box 475
Herald Tower (send \$1.50)
Corner Brook, Nfld.
CANADA A2H 6E6
(1981 also available @ 1.50)

St. John's Board of Trade
Box 5127
St. John's, Nfld. (send \$1.50)
CANADA A1C 5V5

Nfld. & Labrador Credit Union Ltd.
Attn. Raymond Hopkins
341 Freshwater Rd. (send \$1.50)
St. John's, Nfld.
CANADA A1B 1C4

Caribou Carnival
Attn. Elaine Watson
Box 580
Yellowknife, NWT (send \$1.50)
CANADA XOE 1HO

(I believe back issues, 1975 to 1981 are available for \$1.50 each, or a bit more postpaid. The 1974 is available only in the complete set which runs \$25.00).

The 1982 Newfoundland and Labrador Winter Games Committee has been disbanded for some time and all their Labrador City dollars are sold out. The 1982 Games were held in Labrador City and the adjoining city of Wabash



Illustrated above is a medal that NSA is having struck. This 3", uni-face bronze medal is struck from dies believed to have been made by Meyer Bros. of Seattle for use in making souvenir ashtrays. Only 100 are being struck at this time. We are having a small quantity shipped by airmail hoping to be able to send them out by Christmas.

Price on these is \$35, post paid, from NSA, Inc. Order now and will ship as soon as they arrive.

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